

226 West Second Street
Flint, MI 48502

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of Michigan

Case No.:

In Re: (NAME OF DEBTOR(S))

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CHAPTER 13 CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

To further the expeditious and economical resolution of this case, and pursuant to the Court's authority under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(d), the following procedures will apply in this case:

1. The Court will consider confirmation of the debtor's plan only if the debtor's attorney has filed with the Court the confirmation hearing certificate and has emailed a proposed order confirming plan, in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format, to the Chapter 13 Trustee's office by 4:30 p.m. six days before the confirmation hearing. A formatted version of this order is available on the Court's website at <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov> under "Local Forms" and on the Chapter 13 Trustee's website at <http://www.flint13.com>. The Trustee's email address for this purpose is: confirmations@flint13.com.

2. Before the debtor's attorney emails the proposed order confirming plan to the Trustee, the debtor and all parties objecting to confirmation must undertake all reasonable efforts to resolve the objections that were timely filed by creditors and the Trustee.

3. If, after all reasonable efforts, impasse is reached between the debtor and any objecting parties regarding any objections, then the debtor's attorney must email to the Trustee, by the deadline established in paragraph 1:

(a) A proposed order confirming the plan (1) that is signed by the creditors whose objections have been resolved, and (2) that states the debtor's proposed resolution of the parties' remaining objections;

(b) A certificate, filed with the Court and served on any creditors whose objections are not resolved, stating (1) that the debtor and the specified objecting parties are at an impasse in their reasonable efforts to resolve objections, (2) the legal and factual issues to be resolved in connection with the remaining objections to confirmation, and (3) any request for an adjournment and any reasons why good cause exists for the adjournment. A copy of this certificate is attached to this Order, and forms for this certificate in Microsoft Word format are available on the Court's website under "Local Forms"; and

(c) If an adjournment is requested, the attorney must submit not only the proposed order confirming the plan, but also a stipulation and order for adjournment to the Trustee.

4. If the debtor's attorney does not timely email a proposed order confirming plan as provided in either paragraph 1 or paragraph 3(a), or does not timely file and serve the certificate as required in paragraph 3(b), then the debtor's attorney must appear for a hearing on the contested docket even if the matter becomes confirmable at the status conference, to explain why the order confirming plan or the confirmation hearing certificate was not timely submitted or filed. **Failure to appear may result in reduction of attorney fees not to exceed \$500.00.**

5. The above procedures only apply to cases that are scheduled for a confirmation hearing. There will continue to be status conferences for all confirmation matters (other than those for which a confirmation order signed by all necessary parties has been emailed to the Trustee by the deadline stated in paragraph 1 above,) and for any matters scheduled for hearing on a motion (other than those matters scheduled by separate Court order such as a show cause order or an expedited hearing). If at the status conference the parties are unable to resolve the matter it will be heard by the judge during the contested hearing.

6. Any proposed confirmation orders that require revisions or additional signatures after the deadline established in paragraph 1 above (*e.g.*, because objections are resolved by agreement at the status conference or by a decision of the Court in the contested hearing), must be revised and/or signed before or at the status conference.
7. These procedures do not apply to cases involving debtors who are not represented by counsel.

 /s/ Daniel S. Opperman, Flint
Daniel S. Opperman, Flint
United States Bankruptcy Judge