## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re

Order Extending Certain Deadlines Due to Lapse in Appropriations

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2025-4

As of October 1, 2025, appropriations for certain federal agencies lapsed. Absent an appropriation, attorneys for and employees of the Department of Justice and other agencies are prohibited from engaging in non-emergency civil litigation, including filing proofs of claim or participating in bankruptcy cases.

The Court, acting under Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1), finds that the lapse in appropriations warrants extending deadlines for the United States and its agencies to avoid prejudice and ensure the orderly administration of bankruptcy cases.

## Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- 1. All deadlines imposed by the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, or by order of this Court that apply to a governmental unit of the United States, including but not limited to the Office of the United States Trustee, are extended through a date fourteen (14) days after the end of the lapse in appropriations, unless the Court orders otherwise upon a finding of compelling circumstances.
- 2. Trials and hearings scheduled during the lapse in appropriations will be continued only by order of the Court upon motion of a governmental unit.
- 3. After the lapse in appropriations has ended, the Court may reset any deadlines affected by this Order as justice requires.
- 4. The Clerk must distribute this Order by electronic service to all registered CM/ECF users and by posting the Order on the Court's public website.

Dated: October 6, 2025

FOR THE COURT:

John S. Hodge, Chief Judge