United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court
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IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL RULES OF PROCEDURE \$ \$ \$ \$

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2018-16

ORDER

The court earlier proposed adopting the attached amendment to LR7.4, Responses and Replies. The rule amendment has now been approved by the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit, through its Rules Committee. The amendment to LR7.4 is ADOPTED by the court, effective November 26, 2018.

Signed the 26th day of November, 2018.

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CHIEF JUDGE

Proposed Local Rule 7.4

LR7.4 Responses <u>and Replies</u>. Failure to respond to a motion will be taken as a representation of no opposition. Responses to motions

- A. Must be filed by the submission day;
- B. Must be written;
- C. Must include or be accompanied by authority; and
- D. Must be accompanied by a separate form order denying the relief sought.
- E. Replies. Unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge, a party who has filed an opposed motion may file a reply brief within 14 7 days from the date the response is filed. [The presiding judge need not wait for a reply before ruling on a motion.]