

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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MAR 19 2020

In re:

Authorization of Electronic Signatures

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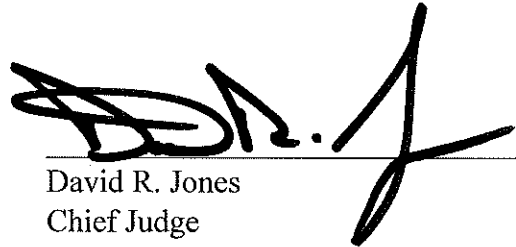
General Order 2020-8

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court
By Deputy Clerk 

ORDER AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Pending further Order, the Court's requirements that filing attorneys receive and maintain "wet signature" copies of documents are modified from March 19, 2020 through May 31, 2020. Signatures of debtors, attorneys, affiants and declarants may be either (i) received and maintained in "wet signature form" in accordance with prior practice; or (ii) electronically signed utilizing a commercially available electronic signing technology (such as DocuSign) that (a) maintains an audit trail that allows the filing attorney to obtain the identification of the signer's computer or device from the commercial provider; and (b) complies with the requirements of the United States ESIGN Act. The Court intends to review this procedure and determine adoption on a long-term basis.

March 19, 2020.



David R. Jones
Chief Judge