

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

January 08 2021

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GENERAL ORDER 2021-2

AUTHORIZATION OF IN-PERSON

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MEETINGS BY VIDEO

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CONFERENCING.

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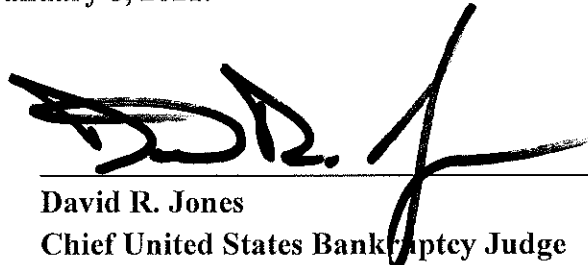
ORDER

1. By General Orders 2020-9 and 2020-16, the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas temporarily authorized the use of video conferencing and other means to satisfy the in-person meeting requirement under the fixed fee agreements in chapter 13 cases. These orders expired by their own terms on December 31, 2020.

2. Feedback from the bar and the availability of multiple inexpensive computer platforms have established that the use of video conferencing on a permanent basis is a benefit to both members of the bar and chapter 13 debtors. Accordingly, the Bankruptcy Court has unanimously voted to authorize the use of video conferencing on a permanent basis to satisfy the one hour in-person meeting requirement under the chapter 13 fixed fee agreements.

3. Modified versions of the chapter 13 fixed fee agreements are posted on the Court's website.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas on January 8, 2021.



David R. Jones
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge