United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS ALL DIVISIONS

August 25, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk

IN RE:

§ GENERAL ORDER 2021-8

POST-COVID REOPENING PLAN §

## ORDER DELAYING THE RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON HEARINGS

- 1. By General Order entered June 30, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court adopted the Post-Covid Reopening Plan (the "Plan). [General Order 2021-5]. The Plan was scheduled to take effect September 7, 2021 and applies to all proceedings except for Complex Bankruptcy Cases.
- 2. Under Section H of the Procedures of Complex Cases in the Southern District of Texas effective August 1, 2021 (the "Complex Procedures"), parties were to have been allowed to appear for a hearing either in person or by remote participation beginning September 7, 2021.
- 3. Due to the continued health risks associated with COVID-19 and its variants, the Bankruptcy Court has determined that the start date under the Plan and Section H of the Complex Procedures should be delayed until **November 8, 2021**. In the interim, General Order 2020-20 extending the Protocol for Emergency Public Health or Safety Conditions remains in effect.
- 4. The Bankruptcy Court expresses its appreciation to all participants in the bankruptcy process that have utilized the technological advances implemented by the Court during the past 18 months. Please continue to be safe and vigilant.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas on August 25, 2021.

David R. Jones

Chief United States Bandruptcy Judge