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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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IN RE:

Administrative Order

CONTINUANCE OF BANKRUPTCY MATTERS IN THE UNITED STATES

No. 2025-02

BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA DUE TO A LAPSE IN

FEDERAL FUNDING

Chief Judge Ellis-Monro

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** 

WHEREAS, at midnight on September 30, 2025, the appropriations to the Department of Justice and other federal agencies lapsed,

WHEREAS, since that time, no appropriation bill or continuing resolution has been passed by Congress to restore funding to the Department of Justice and other federal agencies,

WHEREAS, under 28 U.S.C. § 516 except as otherwise authorized by law, the Department of Justice represents the interests of the United States in all civil matters to which the United States, its agency, or its officer is a party, including matters pending before this Court,

WHEREAS, absent an appropriation or continuing resolution, Department of Justice attorneys and employees are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the preservation of property." 31 U.S.C. §

1342. With limited exceptions, this includes attorneys and other employees in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia,

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. All hearings involving any claim, lien, or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies or officers, scheduled for October 1, 2025, or any day thereafter through the conclusion of the week in which there is no longer a lapse in federal funding, are continued and shall be placed on the next appropriate calendar;<sup>1</sup>
- 2. All current deadlines in matters involving a claim, lien, or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies or officers, shall be extended through and including October 31, 2025;
- 3. All adversary proceedings to which the United States, including its agencies or officers, is a party shall be stayed until such time that there is no longer a lapse in federal funding;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The following matters are excepted from the provisions of this Order: the confirmation hearing presently set for October 3, 2025, in *In re Association Motor Club*, Case No. 24-57098-LRC. *In re Envistacom*, *LLC* Case No. 23-52696-JWC, *In re Carter*, Case No. 23-54816-JWC and *In re Ezunu*, Case No. 24-63131-JWC. The Court may except further matters from the provisions of this Order as appropriate.

4. Notwithstanding the general stay established herein, any judge may, by separate order, direct the United States to appear in a case should the judge determine that the stay imposed by this order endangers life or property or impedes the Court's duty to continue to resolve cases;

5. If funding is not restored by October 31, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET, the Civil Chief of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, or her designee, shall so notify the Court by contacting the chambers of Chief Judge Ellis-Monro of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia so that such further action may be taken as is just and proper; and

6. The Civil Chief of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, or her designee, shall forthwith notify the Court, by contacting the chambers of Chief Judge Ellis-Monro, once appropriations have been restored.

SO ORDERED, this \_2nd\_ day of October 2025.

Barbara Ellis-Monro, Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Judge