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United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Mississippi  
David J. Puddister, Clerk

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI**

**STANDING ORDER LIMITING EXTENSIONS OF TIME  
TO FILE PRELIMINARY DOCUMENTS IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

In the Northern District of Mississippi, a chapter 13 trustee must hold a meeting of creditors no fewer than twenty-one and no more than sixty days after the order for relief in a bankruptcy case. 11 U.S.C. § 341; FED. R. BANKR. P. 2003(a). This sixty day period may not be extended by the court. FED. R. BANKR. P. 9006(b)(2). Creditors must be given at least twenty-one days' notice by mail of the meeting. FED. R. BANKR. P. 2002(a)(1). Hence, to comply with the applicable rules, the trustee must mail the notice of the meeting of creditors at least twenty-one days prior to the meeting date, which meeting must take place within sixty days of the order for relief.

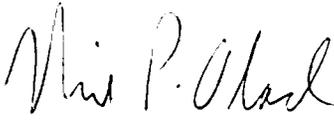
In order for the trustee to conduct an effective meeting of creditors, the debtor must have filed the schedules, statements and other documents, and a proposed chapter 13 plan (the "preliminary documents"). The preliminary documents must be filed within fourteen days of the order for relief. FED. R. BANKR. P. 1007(c), 3015(b). If a bankruptcy petition is not accompanied by the preliminary documents, the clerk of this court shall cause the debtor's attorney (or the debtor) to be notified of the rule requiring such documents to be filed within fourteen days from the order for relief and this court's policy of enforcing the rule through the *sua sponte* dismissal of the case. For cause shown, the fourteen day deadlines may be extended by the court. FED. R. BANKR. P. 9006(b)(1).

Accordingly, as a general rule, the court will grant a debtor only a single fourteen day extension to file the preliminary documents. Further requests for extension may be summarily denied by the court. Any request for an additional extension must include a demonstration of

good cause, and may be granted only after notice and an opportunity for a hearing on expedited notice.

This order shall be effectively immediately and supersedes the Standing Order Reinforcing Timely Filing Requirements dated February 1, 2010.

SO ORDERED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



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NEIL P. OLACK  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



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JASON D. WOODARD  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE