

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

STANDING ORDER REINFORCING TIMELY FILING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, although most attorneys practicing in this court scrupulously observe and comply with the timeliness requirements of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure when filing petitions and associated documents in this court, some attorneys fail to meet the filing timeliness requirements of such rules; and

WHEREAS, dilatory practices in meeting such filing timeliness requirements seriously impede the management of bankruptcy cases; and

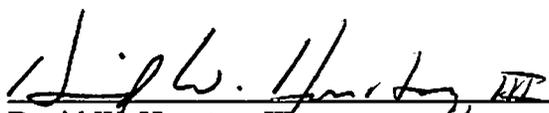
WHEREAS, this court has concluded that appropriate sanctions should be introduced in order to encourage timely filings of documents such as schedules, financial disclosure statements, certification of credit counseling, and all other documents that are required by Rule 1007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to be filed with fourteen (14) days from the date of filing of a bankruptcy petition; and

WHEREAS, this court has determined that routine extensions of time to file the aforementioned paperwork will not be granted and that any motion for an extension of time to file such paperwork must be supported by sworn affidavit reciting facts that constitute good cause for an extension of time; it is

ORDERED that if a petition is not accompanied by schedules and other documents that are required for the administration of the case, 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 (14) days of the filing of the petition and this court's policy of enforcing the rule through the *sua sponte* dismissal of the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that unless (a) the requested documents are timely filed, (b) a motion for an extension of time to file the documents, with a supporting affidavit, has been filed, or (c) an objection and request for hearing regarding the potential dismissal has been filed, a case will be dismissed sua sponte if the documents requested by the clerk are not filed within fourteen days of the filing of the petition.

SO ORDERED this the 1st day of February, 2010.



David W. Houston, III
Chief United States Bankruptcy judge

Entred 2-1-10 at 8:00 A.M.
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Mississippi
David J. Puddister, Clerk 