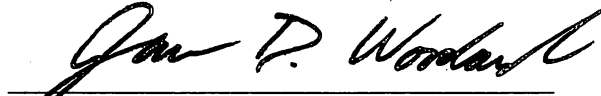


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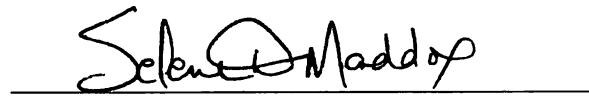
STANDING ORDER OBTIATING NEED FOR “WET” SIGNATURES

Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, coupled with the determination by the bankruptcy judges of this district that Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 5005 has obviated the need for “wet” signatures, it is hereby ORDERED that bankruptcy petitions, schedules, unsworn declarations, affidavits, verifications, and other documents may be signed electronically. The electronic filer must either (1) utilize electronic signature software, or (2) retain written authorization of the signatory in the form of a letter, email, or facsimile for five years. Counsel should exercise sound judgment in deciding whether to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of a wet signature.

SO ORDERED. Effective March 1st, 2020.



Jason D. Woodard
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge



Selene D. Maddox
United States Bankruptcy Judge