

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

IN RE: )  
 ) General Order No. 21-1  
ORDER AUTHORIZING LIMITED )  
NOTICE IN CHAPTER 12 & 13 CASES )  
UNDER AMENDED BANKRUPTCY )  
RULE 2002(h) )

1. On December 1, 2020, Rule 2002(h) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure was amended to permit courts to direct that all notices required by subdivision (a) of Rule 2002 be limited in chapter 12 and chapter 13 cases after the bar date for filing proofs of claim has passed, similar to the procedure already in effect for chapter 7 cases.

2. The bankruptcy judges for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio are currently in the process of requesting that the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio amend Local Bankruptcy Rule 2002-1 to reflect the recent amendment to the national rule; however, given the notice and comment requirements for local rule amendments under Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, it may be a number of months before any such amendment becomes effective.

3. Therefore, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio has adopted this General Order to permit the limitation of notices

under Bankruptcy Rule 2002(h) in all chapter 12 and chapter 13 cases on an interim basis effective immediately.

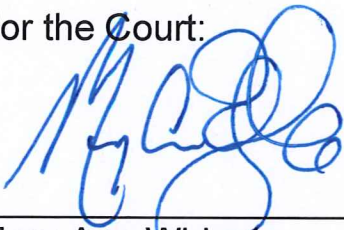
4. Accordingly, after the time for filing non-governmental claims has expired in chapter 12 or 13 cases, all notices required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, be mailed only to creditors who have filed claims; creditors, if any, that are still permitted to file claims because an extension was granted under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002(c)(1) or (c)(2); and persons who have filed a request for all notices pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(i).

5. This General Order does not modify Local Bankruptcy Rule 2002-1, which continues to permit limited notice in chapter 7 cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 22, 2021

For the Court:



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Mary Ann Whipple  
Chief Judge