UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

IN RE: RECISSION OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-13

EFFECTIVE

July 1, 2020

In response to the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic in the District of Nevada and nationally, the Court previously issued a series of Administrative Orders. Those orders were temporary in nature. They were issued in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada through actions consistent with federal and state guidance, while still affording the public access to justice through the Court. See generally, Administrative Orders 2020-03 through 2020-09, inclusive (collectively the "COVID-19 Administrative Orders").

Since the COVID-19 Administrative Orders were issued, the Court has continued to closely monitor available official information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Court also remains committed to continuing its service to the public during the COVID-19 outbreak, while taking prudent action to protect Court employees and all stakeholders in the bankruptcy process from transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

The Court is mindful that Governor Sisolak announced that effective May 29, 2020, Nevada was moving into Phase 2 of the "Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery" reopening plan ("Reopening Phase 2"). In general terms, Reopening Phase 2 eased certain restrictions on Nevada residents' ability to move about, and

expanded business operations within the state in a limited manner subject to significant conditions designed to curb the spread of COVID-19. The Court has revisited the COVID-19 Administrative Orders in order to ensure that Court operations are carried out in a way that is consistent with Reopening Phase 2, while minimizing the potential for transmission of COVID-19.

Subsequent to Nevada's implementation of Reopening Phase 2 on May 29, 2020, the number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 has persisted within the District of Nevada as well as nationally. The Court remains mindful of the severity of the associated health risk posed to Court personnel and the public. In keeping with Phase 2 of Governor Sisolak's plan, and in view of the temporary nature of the COVID-19 Administrative Orders, the Court concludes that recission of certain of the COVID-19 Administrative Orders, and issuance of a single updated Administrative Order consistent with current developments, is appropriate at this time.<sup>1</sup>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the following Administrative Orders are RESCINDED effective WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020:

•<u>Administrative Order 2020-04</u>: In re: Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID19 and Related Coronavirus

•Administrative Order 2020-05: Hearings to Be Held Telephonically

•Administrative Order 2020-06: Extension of Certain Deadlines

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For clarity and avoidance of any doubt, Administrative Order 2020-14 is being issued concurrently with the recission of the Administrative Orders referenced herein. Administrative Order 2020-14 shall govern all bankruptcy proceedings conducted in the District of Nevada commencing on July 1, 2020, and continuing until further order of the Court.

•<u>Administrative Order 2020-08</u>: Closure of the Clerk's Office in Reno, Nevada to Public Access and (2) Suspension of Court Courtesy Copy Requirements Under LR 9014(e)

•<u>Administrative Order 2020-09</u>: Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19 and Related Coronavirus

Any Administrative Order not expressly identified above shall remain in full force and effect absent further Court order. Parties and their counsel are strongly encouraged to continue to closely monitor the Court's website for future developments at the following link:

https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/rules-forms/rules/administrative-orders/

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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AUGUST B. LANDIS CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE