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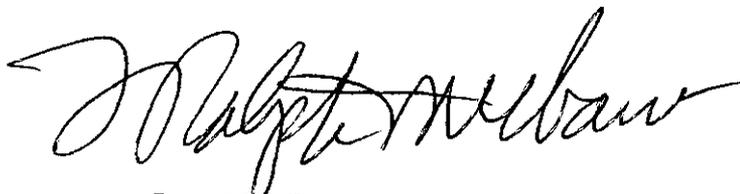
**MEMORANDUM TO: JUDGES, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
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BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATORS
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**SUBJECT: Amended Official Bankruptcy Forms to Become Effective December 1,
2001 (INFORMATION)**

The Judicial Conference has approved amendments to two Official Bankruptcy Forms and, further, has approved a delayed effective date for the amended forms of December 1, 2001. The forms that are amended are Official Form 1, Voluntary Petition, and Official Form 15, Order Confirming a Plan. Rule 9009 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure authorizes the Judicial Conference to prescribe official forms which "shall be observed and used." The delay in effective date will give forms publishers and bankruptcy software vendors sufficient time to produce and distribute the new forms for parties and their attorneys to use starting December 1. Copies of the amended forms are attached.

Official Form 1, the Voluntary Petition, has been amended to require the debtor to disclose whether the debtor owns or has possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety. If any such property exists, the debtor must complete and attach Exhibit "C" describing the property, its location, and the potential danger it poses. Exhibit "C" will alert the United States trustee and any person selected as trustee that immediate precautionary action may be necessary.

Official Form 15, the Order Confirming a Plan, was amended to conform to amendments to Rule 3020 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure which also are expected to become effective December 1, 2001. Those amendments will require that, if the plan provides for an injunction against conduct not otherwise enjoined under the Bankruptcy Code, the order of confirmation shall describe in reasonable detail all acts enjoined, be specific regarding the injunction, and identify the entities subject to the injunction.

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Leonidas Ralph Mecham

Attachments

Exhibit "C"

[If, to the best of the debtor's knowledge, the debtor owns or has possession of property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety, attach this Exhibit "C" to the petition.]

[Caption as in Form 16B]

Exhibit "C" to Voluntary Petition

1. Identify and briefly describe all real or personal property owned by or in possession of the debtor that, to the best of the debtor's knowledge, poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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2. With respect to each parcel of real property or item of personal property identified in question 1, describe the nature and location of the dangerous condition, whether environmental or otherwise, that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Form 15. ORDER CONFIRMING PLAN

[Caption as in Form 16A]

ORDER CONFIRMING PLAN

The plan under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code filed by _____, on _____ *[if applicable, as modified by a modification filed on _____,]* or a summary thereof, having been transmitted to creditors and equity security holders; and

It having been determined after hearing on notice that the requirements for confirmation set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a) *[or, if appropriate, 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b)]* have been satisfied;

IT IS ORDERED that:

The plan filed by _____, on _____, *[if appropriate, include dates and any other pertinent details of modifications to the plan]* is confirmed. *[If the plan provides for an injunction against conduct not otherwise enjoined under the Code, include the information required by Rule 3020.]*

A copy of the confirmed plan is attached.

Dated: _____

BY THE COURT

United States Bankruptcy Judge.