

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

In the Matter of:	}	
TEMPORARY AMENDMENT	}	Administrative Order No. 20-08
OF PROCEDURE FOR	}	Northern Division Only
SUSPENDING CHAPTER 13	}	
PLAN PAYMENTS AND	}	
EXTENDING PLAN TERMS	}	

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

As stated during the Telephonic Attorney Meeting held on April 6, 2020 and pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or CARES Act, the Court will temporarily amend the negative notice procedure for suspending Chapter 13 Plan payments and extending Plan terms for debtors who have experienced a material financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic. Motions to Suspend Chapter 13 Plan Payments and Extend Plan Terms must be filed in substantial compliance with the form found on this Court's website at <https://www.alnb.uscourts.gov/forms/all-forms?page=2> and must be served upon: (a) the Trustee; (b) creditors and interested parties according to the Clerk's mailing matrix; and (c) any other entity requesting notice. The notice must advise the parties of the date by which a response is required, but the notice shall not include a hearing date. If a timely response is filed, the Court will schedule the matter for hearing.

Motions to Suspend Chapter 13 Plan Payments and Extend Plan Terms may be filed with **fourteen (14)** days' Negative Notice, provided that:

- a. The Motion may not request more than a three-month suspension of Plan payments with negative notice;
- b. The Motion must specifically plead cause or reason for the suspension and extension with supporting facts sufficient to allow the Trustee and creditors to evaluate the merits of the Motion;
- c. The Motion must propose a three-month monitoring period upon resumption of Plan payments;
- d. Counsel for the Debtor(s) must contact the Trustee upon expiration of the negative notice period for the number of months necessary for extension of the Plan term to be incorporated into an Order; and

e. The Order Approving the Motion must be submitted to the Court within seven (7) calendar days of expiration of the negative notice period by Counsel for the Debtor(s) or the Motion will be denied.

This Administrative Order is effective pending further Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this the 14th day of April 2020.

/s/ Clifton R. Jessup, Jr.  
Clifton R. Jessup, Jr.  
United States Bankruptcy Judge