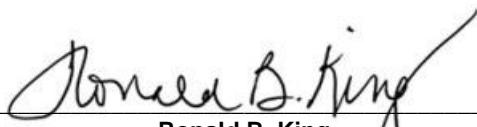



SIGNED this 30th day of November, 2009.



  
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Ronald B. King  
United States Chief Bankruptcy Judge

  
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Leif M. Clark  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

  
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Craig A. Gargotta  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**ORDER SETTING TEMPORARY TRANSITION PERIOD FOR CERTAIN NEW  
FILING DEADLINES**

New amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “National Rules”) go into effect on December 1, 2009. These new amendments implement a consistent method of calculating time periods throughout the federal rules, counting every day, including weekends and holidays, and adopting a standardized increment of 7 days. This Court by Standing Order adopted changes to its own Local Rules, effective December 1, 2009, to bring them into conformity with the National Rules. Most changes in the Local and National Rules result in longer time periods, but in some rules the changes result in shorter time periods. The rules with shortened time periods are:

National Rules

1007, 1019, 1020, 2015, 2015.1, 2016, 3015, 4001, 4002, 6004, 6007, and 8009

Local Rules

1007, 1019, 2004, 4001, and 9015

In light of the serious consequences of noncompliance with shortened deadlines, this Court will implement a six-month transition period, beginning December 1, 2009 and ending June 1, 2010. During this transition period, if a filing is not timely filed under the foregoing referenced amended rules, but would have been timely filed under the prior rules, then the untimely filing, on motion by the filing party, will be deemed to be the product of “excusable neglect” under Rule 9006(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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