

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

In re:

**MODIFICATION OF
LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND
PROCEDURE IN BANKRUPTCY COURT,
DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

STANDING ORDER # 14-03

**TO REVISE LOCAL RULE 3070-1(C),
AND MODEL CHAPTER PLAN, TO
REFLECT THAT STANDING TRUSTEES
SHALL COLLECT PERCENTAGE FEES
UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT**

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION of the United States Trustee's policy change regarding standing trustees' collection of percentage fees, effective November 4, 2014, the Court is modifying its relevant local rule and model plan to coincide with the new policy. Specifically, the Rule's current language is supplemented to reflect that standing trustees shall collect their percentage fees upon receipt of payment, rather than upon disbursement. As indicated by the attached form, the model plan language is similarly amended to reflect the change in policy.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Vt. LBR 3070-1(c) is revised to read:

- (c) **Chapter 13 Trustee's Percentage Fee upon Dismissal or Conversion.** In any Chapter 13 case that is dismissed or converted to another chapter prior to the confirmation of the plan, the Chapter 13 trustee may collect and retain from pre-confirmation payments made by the debtor the percentage fee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 586(e) as compensation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Local Model Chapter 13 Plan (Local Form E) is revised to incorporate this change. The revised Model Chapter 13 Plan shall be available on the Court's website, and Debtors filing cases after December 4, 2014 must use the new Local Form E in order to be in compliance with Vt. LBR 3015-1(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these changes are effective upon entry of this Standing Order.

SO ORDERED.

November 4, 2014
Burlington, Vermont



Colleen A. Brown
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Attachment: Copy of updated Model Plan (Local Form E)

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DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

IN RE:

CASE NO.
CHAPTER 13

CHAPTER 13 PLAN

Original Plan

Dated: January 0, 1900

[] When checked, see additional provisions in paragraph 6(d)

1. Payments to the Trustee.

The debtor shall pay to the Chapter 13 Trustee **\$0.00 per month for 0 months**

Total paid to Chapter 13 Trustee: **\$0.00**

Payments shall be made in the following manner: **Employer Deduction**

The following amounts shall be deducted from the following employers:

Debtor's employer: \$0.00 Spouse's employer: \$0.00

2. Disbursements to Creditors Through Plan.

After confirmation of the Plan the Chapter 13 Trustee shall make disbursements to creditors by direct payment, as authorized by court order, as follows:

A. Priority Claims.

Administrative priority claims, including attorney's fees, shall be paid first, ahead of all claims with the exception of any required equal monthly payments or adequate protection payments provided for under Section B, below.

		Interest Rate	Interest Amt	Principle
Debtor's attorney:				\$0.00
Internal Revenue Service		0.00%	\$ -	\$0.00
Vermont Dept. of Taxes		0.00%	\$ -	\$0.00
Administrative claim:	0			
Support creditor:	0			
	0			
Calculated Total to Priority Creditors			\$ -	\$0.00

B. Secured Claims (other than mortgage arrearages).

Monthly payments on secured claims in which the entire claim is being paid through the plan shall be made in equal monthly amounts as follows and shall be paid concurrently with administrative claims, including attorney's fees.

Creditor	Type of Claim	Collateral	Principal	Interest	Interest Rate	Term of Months	Monthly Payment
	0						
Calculated Totals Paid to Secured Claims			\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

Debtor surrenders the following collateral. Upon entry of the confirmation order, the stay is lifted as to the surrendered collateral.

Creditor	Collateral to be surrendered
NONE	

C. Conduit Mortgage Payments (curing mortgage arrearages and maintaining regular monthly mortgage payments)

Monthly mortgage payments due after the date of the filing of this case are included in this Plan and shall be made by the Trustee pursuant to the terms of Standing Order No. 10-2. In addition to the pre-petition mortgage arrearage stated below, this Plan includes a two month administrative arrearage which consists of the first two monthly mortgage payments which would otherwise be due for the two months immediately following the date of the filing of this case. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 10-2, the administrative arrearage shall compensate the mortgage creditor(s) for those two month's payments which would normally be due within the first two payment due dates after the date the bankruptcy case is filed, and the first regular monthly conduit mortgage payment from the Trustee shall be due by the time the third regular mortgage payment is due after the filing of this bankruptcy case. The table below shows the amount of the regular monthly mortgage payments to be made by the Trustee under the Plan, subject to any adjustments which may be made during the Plan, the date of the month when each post-petition payment is due, not including any applicable grace period, and both the pre-petition and administrative arrearages. In the event that any mortgage creditor listed below files a proof of claim indicating a higher pre-petition arrearage than stated below, the debtor shall promptly file either a motion to modify the plan so that the mortgage arrearage amount stated below equals the arrearage amount stated in the proof of claim, or an objection to the claim.

Mortgage Creditor Name	Monthly Payment	Due date	Interest Rate	Variable or Fixed Rate	Pre-petition Arrearage	Administrative Arrearage	Total Monthly Mortgage Pmts in Plan
2nd United Bank	\$ -	0	0.00%		0 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	0	0.00%		0 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

D. Unsecured Claims.

Allowed non-priority unsecured claims shall be paid a total dividend of \$0.00 to be distributed pro rata.

In the event that the holders of unsecured claims in this case file claims in the amounts scheduled in the petition and those claims are allowed for the scheduled amounts, the percentage dividend to the holders of general unsecured claims will be about 0.00%

In the event that the total of general unsecured claims is less than the total of the scheduled general unsecured claims, the actual percentage dividend will be higher. In the event that the total of the allowed general unsecured claims is greater than the total of the scheduled general unsecured claim amounts, the actual percentage will be lower. In order to determine the actual amount of the percentage dividend to be paid to the unsecured creditors, creditors may contact the Chapter 13 Trustee after the claims bar date in this case has passed.

Any reduction in the Trustee's percentage fee or conduit mortgage payments during the term of the Plan which is not offset by increases in mortgage payments or mortgage escrows may result in an increase in the dividend to be paid to the allowed general unsecured claims in this case.

3. Maintaining Direct Payments

a. Direct Payments Debtor Will Make to Creditors Outside of Plan.

The debtor shall pay the following monthly payments directly to the creditor and not through the Trustee:

Creditor		Type of Payment	Amount of Monthly Payment

4. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

All executory contracts and unexpired leases are rejected, except the following, which are assumed.

Creditor		Property Description	Treatment by Debtor
NONE			

5. Trustee's Fees.

The Chapter 13 Standing Trustee's percentage fees shall be calculated per order of the Executive Office of the United States Trustee on all payments made under the Plan. The maximum percentage shall be 10% of the payments received. For any period during which the applicable percentage is less than 10%, the dividend to unsecured creditors shall increase by the amount of any reduction in trustee's fees below the 10% maximum.

6. Other Provisions.

- a. Property of the estate shall revert in the debtor upon completion of Plan payments by the debtor.
- b. Secured creditors and lessors who are continuing to receive direct payments from the debtor shall mail informational statements, invoices, notices or coupons to the debtor in conformance with the local rules of this District.
- c. The holder of a secured claim shall retain the lien securing such claim until the earlier of the payment of the underlying debt determined under nonbankruptcy law; or discharge under section 1328; and if the case under this chapter is dismissed or converted without completion of the plan, such lien shall also be retained by such holder to the extent recognized by applicable non-bankruptcy law.
- d. Other.

1. Debtor reserves the right to move to modify the plan to seek to provide for the surrender of the collateral with the balance being treated as an unsecured claim.

2. Confirmation of the plan shall impose a duty on the holders/servicers of claims secured by liens on real property to apply the payments received from the trustee on the pre-petition arrearages only to such arrearages; and to apply all direct payments received from the debtors post-petition first to the month which is the month following the filing of the Plan and then to each and every month thereafter and to otherwise comply with 11 USC Section 524 (i).

7. Liquidation Analysis

Property of the Estate (total value of all scheduled real and personal property)	\$0.00
Property Subject to Secured Claims	\$0.00
Exempt Equity in Property (debtor's interest in property claimed as exempt)	\$0.00
Non-exempt Equity (debtor's interest in property exceeding available exemptions)	\$0.00
Estimated Chapter 7 Costs of Sale	\$0.00
Estimated Chapter 7 Trustee's Fees	\$0.00
Estimated Chapter 7 Other Costs	\$0.00
Total Chapter 7 Administrative Costs	\$0.00
Priority Claims	\$0.00
Unsecured Claims	\$0.00
Available to Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 7	\$0.00
Estimated Dividend to Unsecured Creditors in Ch 7	0.00%

8. Plan Payment Summary

Plan Term (in months)	0
Monthly Plan Payment to be paid to the Trustee	\$0.00
Total of all Plan payments to be paid to the Chapter 13 Trustee	\$0.00
Total principal the Trustee shall pay to holders of priority claims	\$0.00
Total interest the Trustee shall pay to holders of priority claims	\$0.00
Total principal the Trustee shall pay to holders of secured claims (other than mortgage claims)	\$0.00
Total Interest the Trustee shall pay to holders of secured claims (other than mortgage claims)	\$0.00
Total the Trustee shall pay to cure pre-petition mortgage arrearages	\$0.00
Total the Trustee shall pay to satisfy mortgage administrative arrearages	\$0.00
Total the Trustee shall pay to satisfy regular post-petition monthly mortgage (conduit) payments	\$0.00
Total the Trustee shall pay to holders of priority and secured claims	\$0.00
Total anticipated Trustee's commission (in dollars)	\$0.00
Total the Trustee shall pay to holders of general unsecured claims (in dollars)	\$0.00
Anticipated dividend the Trustee shall pay to holders of unsecured claims through the plan (%)	0.00%

The debtors, by their signature below, affirm that they have read this Plan and understand its terms, and also affirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief:

- a. the term of this plan is consistent with the minimum commitment period required by the means test and Form B22C filed in this case;
- b. the debtor will be able to make all of the payments under the Plan and to comply with the Plan;
- c. the debtor has filed the chapter 13 petition in good faith;
- d. the debtor has paid all domestic support obligations that have become due since the filing of this chapter 13 petition and will pay all domestic support obligations that became payable under a judicial or administrative order, or by statute, after the date of the filing of the chapter 13 petition;
- e. the debtor has filed all Federal, State, and local tax returns required under applicable tax laws and under sections 521 and 1308 of the Bankruptcy Code; and
- f. the debtor will advise the Trustee of changes in post-petition mortgage obligations as required by Standing Order 10-2.

Dated: January 0, 1900
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Dated: January 0, 1900
 /s/ _____ Attorney for Debtor
 Attorney for Debtor

(version cmp. 11.4.14)