

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

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In re:

**EXTENSION OF DEADLINE  
TO FILE DECLARATION  
REGARDING ELECTRONIC  
FILING (“DECLARATION REF”)**

**Standing Order  
# 03-1**

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WHEREAS Vt. LBR 1002-1(c) requires that attorneys, when filing electronically, in lieu of transmitting an original and copies of the petition, schedules, and statements, file a Declaration Regarding Electronic Filing (“Declaration REF”), signed under penalty of perjury with the original signature of the debtor(s), in accordance with Vt. LBR 5003-1(b), within three (3) business days of the commencement of a case electronically; and

WHEREAS some attorneys who regularly practice in this Court have found that the process of reviewing the documents with the debtor, having the debtor(s) sign the documents and the Declaration REF, and forwarding the Declaration REF to the Court, requires more than the three business days allowed by Vt. LBR 1002-1(c); and

WHEREAS it is the Court’s intent to make electronic filing as convenient as possible;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Vt. LBR 1002-1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1002-1(c) Electronic Filings.** A petition commencing a case under the Bankruptcy Code may be filed by electronic means established to implement the Electronic Case Filing System, in accordance with the requirements set forth in these rules and in subsequently entered Orders of the Court. In lieu of transmitting an original and copies of the petition, schedules and statements, a Declaration Regarding Electronic Filing (“Declaration REF”) signed under penalty of perjury with the original signature of the debtor, in accordance with Vt. LBR 5003-1(b), shall be filed within ten (10) calendar days of the commencement of a case electronically. A copy of the Notice of Electronic Filing which includes the electronic document stamp shall be attached to the Declaration REF (see attached appendix).\*

This modification of Vt. LBR 1002-1(c) is **effective immediately**.

SO ORDERED.



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Colleen A. Brown  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

January 31, 2003  
Rutland, Vermont

\* A copy of the amended form required by this rule is on the back of this document and can also be found at <http://www.vtb.uscourts.gov/cmecf/declaration.pdf>

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
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In re: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter XX Case  
# XX-XXXXX-cab

**DECLARATION RE: ELECTRONIC FILING  
(Declaration REF)**

**PART 1 - Declaration of Petitioner:**

I [We] \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned debtor( s), corporate officer or partnership member, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have given my attorney and the information provided in the electronically filed petition, statements and schedules, or amendments thereof, is true and correct. I understand that this DECLARATION RE: ELECTRONIC FILING is to be filed with the Clerk after any of the above mentioned documents (petition, statements, schedules, or amendments thereof) have been filed electronically but, in no event, no later than ten (10) calendar days after any of these documents have been filed.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11 United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. I request relief in accordance with the chapter specified in the petition.

[If petitioner is a corporation, partnership or limited liability entity] I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter specified in this petition.

**I understand that failure to file the signed original of this DECLARATION is grounds for dismissal of my case without further notice.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Corporate Officer / Partnership Member

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor

(If joint case, both spouses must sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joint Debtor

**Part II - Declaration of Attorney:**

I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances that the above debtor's[ s'] petition, schedules, statements are not being presented for any improper purpose; that the claims, defenses, and other legal contentions therein are warranted and are not frivolous; that the allegations and other factual contentions have, or will have, evidentiary support; and the denials of factual contentions are warranted. I further certify that the debtor(s) signed this Declaration after I submitted the petition, schedules and statements or amendments thereof and after I gave the debtor(s) a copy of the electronically filed document identified on the attached *Notice of Electronic Filing* from the Electronic Case Filing system and believe that the electronic document fully and accurately reflects the information given to me by the debtor[s]. I have complied with all other Electronic Filing requirements. I have informed the individual petitioner that [he and/ or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of Title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. This declaration is based upon all information of which I have knowledge.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attorney for Debtor(s)