

**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 # 08-02**

**ADOPTION OF INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULE  
1007-1 FOR CASES FILED AFTER DECEMBER  
19, 2008**

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2008, the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008 (the "Act") was enacted into law; and

WHEREAS the provisions of the act are effective December 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules has prepared Interim Rule 1007-1 designed to implement procedural changes mandated by the Act; and

WHEREAS the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States has approved this Interim Rule and recommends that all bankruptcy courts adopt the Interim Rule to provide uniform procedures for implementing the Act; and

WHEREAS there was not sufficient time between the enactment date and the general effective date of the Act to give the requisite public notice, allow the appropriate comment period and promulgate rules; and

WHEREAS the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States has also approved a revised Official Form 22A to implement the provisions of the Act and recommends that all bankruptcy courts adopt this form to provide uniform procedures for implementing the Act;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, effective December 19, 2008 and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the attached Interim Rule 1007-1 is adopted in its entirety, to conform with the Act. For cases and proceedings not governed by the Act, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court, other than Interim Rule 1007-1, shall apply. The Interim Revised Rule 1007-1 shall remain in effect until further Order of the Court. Official Form 22A (rev.12/19/08) is adopted, as of December 19, 2008, to conform to the Act.

Rutland, Vermont  
December 11, 2008



Colleen A. Brown  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

**Interim Rule 1007-I. Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits; Expiration of Temporary Means Testing Exclusion**

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(b) SCHEDULES, STATEMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

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(4) Unless either: (A) § 707(b)(2)(D)(i) applies, or (B) § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) applies and the exclusion from means testing granted therein extends beyond the period specified by Rule 1017(e), an individual debtor in a chapter 7 case shall file a statement of current monthly income prepared as prescribed by the appropriate Official Form, and, if the current monthly income exceeds the median family income for the applicable state and household size, the information, including calculations, required by § 707(b), prepared as prescribed by the appropriate Official Form.

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(c) TIME LIMITS. In a voluntary case, the schedules, statements, and other documents required by subdivision (b)(1), (4), (5), and (6) shall be filed with the petition or within 15 days thereafter, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (d), (e), (f), ~~and~~ (h), and (n) of this rule. In an involuntary case, the list in subdivision (a)(2), and the schedules, statements, and other

21 documents required by subdivision (b)(1) shall be filed by the debtor  
22 within 15 days of the entry of the order for relief. In a voluntary  
23 case, the documents required by paragraphs (A), (C), and (D) of  
24 subdivision (b)(3) shall be filed with the petition. Unless the court  
25 orders otherwise, a debtor who has filed a statement under  
26 subdivision (b)(3)(B), shall file the documents required by  
27 subdivision (b)(3)(A) within 15 days of the order for relief. In a  
28 chapter 7 case, the debtor shall file the statement required by  
29 subdivision (b)(7) within 45 days after the first date set for the  
30 meeting of creditors under § 341 of the Code, and in a chapter 11 or  
31 13 case no later than the date when the last payment was made by the  
32 debtor as required by the plan or the filing of a motion for a discharge  
33 under § 1141(d)(5)(B) or § 1328(b) of the Code. The court may, at  
34 any time and in its discretion, enlarge the time to file the statement  
35 required by subdivision (b)(7). The debtor shall file the statement  
36 required by subdivision (b)(8) no earlier than the date of the last  
37 payment made under the plan or the date of the filing of a motion for  
38 a discharge under §§ 1141(d)(5)(B), 1228(b), or 1328(b) of the Code.  
39 Lists, schedules, statements, and other documents filed prior to the  
40 conversion of a case to another chapter shall be deemed filed in the  
41 converted case unless the court directs otherwise. Except as provided  
42 in § 1116(3), any extension of time to file schedules, statements, and

43 other documents required under this rule may be granted only on  
44 motion for cause shown and on notice to the United States trustee,  
45 any committee elected under § 705 or appointed under § 1102 of the  
46 Code, trustee, examiner, or other party as the court may direct.  
47 Notice of an extension shall be given to the United States trustee and  
48 to any committee, trustee, or other party as the court may direct.

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50 (n) TIME LIMITS FOR, AND NOTICE TO, DEBTORS  
51 TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED FROM MEANS TESTING.

52 (1) An individual debtor who is temporarily excluded from  
53 means testing pursuant to § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) of the Code shall file any  
54 statement and calculations required by subdivision (b)(4) no later  
55 than 14 days after the expiration of the temporary exclusion if the  
56 expiration occurs within the time specified by Rule 1017(e) for filing  
57 a motion pursuant to § 707(b)(2).

58 (2) If the temporary exclusion from means testing under §  
59 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) terminates due to the circumstances specified in  
60 subdivision (n)(1), and if the debtor has not previously filed a  
61 statement and calculations required by subdivision (b)(4), the clerk  
62 shall promptly notify the debtor that the required statement and  
63 calculations must be filed within the time specified in subdivision  
64 (n)(1).

## COMMITTEE NOTE

This rule is amended to take account of the enactment of the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008, which amended § 707(b)(2)(D) of the Code to provide a temporary exclusion from the application of the means test for certain members of the National Guard and reserve components of the Armed Forces. This exclusion applies to qualifying debtors while they remain on active duty or are performing a homeland defense activity, and for a period of 540 days thereafter. For some debtors initially covered by the exclusion, the protection from means testing will expire while their chapter 7 cases are pending, and at a point when a timely motion to dismiss under § 707(b)(2) can still be filed. Under the amended rule, these debtors are required to file the statement and calculations required by subdivision (b)(4) no later than 14 days after the expiration of their exclusion.

Subdivisions (b)(4) and (c) are amended to relieve debtors qualifying for an exclusion under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) from the obligation to file a statement of current monthly income and required calculations within the time period specified in subdivision (c).

Subdivision (n)(1) is added to specify the time for filing of the information required by subdivision (b)(4) by a debtor who initially qualifies for the means test exclusion under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii), but whose exclusion expires during the time that a motion to dismiss under § 707(b)(2) may still be made under Rule 1017(e). If, upon the expiration of the temporary exclusion, a debtor has not already filed the required statement and calculations, subdivision (n)(2) directs the clerk to provide prompt notice to the debtor of the time for filing as set forth in subdivision (n)(1).