

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re:)
)
Court Operations in the Absence of an)
Appropriation or Continuing Resolution) **General Order #2013-13**

GENERAL ORDER

The United States Congress and the President have not enacted an appropriation or continuing resolution funding the operations of the United States Courts. Dispensing of justice is mandated by the Constitution and is essential to government. The resolution of cases and controversies is the only work and product of the Bankruptcy Court. Therefore,

AND NOW, it is hereby **ORDERED** that, effective **October 1, 2013**:

- (1) Due to the reductions in staff already in place and the interim financial plan approved for Fiscal Year 2014, all employees of the Bankruptcy Court and the Clerk's Office are hereby deemed to be essential as part of or essential support for the exercise of judicial powers.
- (2) All employees of the Court and the Clerk's Office shall report to work for their regularly scheduled hours.¹
- (3) All normal operations of the Bankruptcy Court shall continue, except that traveling, training, hiring and spending are prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Chief Bankruptcy Judge.
- (4) The General Services Administration, the Federal Protective Service and the United States Marshals Service are requested to maintain all functions necessary for the continued safe use of all Bankruptcy Court space.



Jeffery A. Deller
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

¹ The impact of the appropriation lapse on benefits and pay will be determined by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts pursuant to applicable laws, regulations and guidelines.