

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

**In re:** )  
 )  
**TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE** ) **Misc. Proc. #20-204**  
**AT HEARINGS IS MANDATORY** )  
 )

**STANDING ORDER**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the “Court”) is cognizant of the fact that public health authorities recommend social distancing as a means of potentially slowing the spread of novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”). Conducting hearings telephonically, where practical and appropriate, will reduce the quantity and frequency of gatherings at the Court, without compromising the Court’s commitment to the sound administration of equal justice under law.

***AND NOW THEREFORE***, this ***13<sup>th</sup>*** day of ***March, 2020***, it is hereby ***ORDERED*** that:

1. The Court will remain open for the conduct of official business.
2. The Court’s Clerk’s Offices in Pittsburgh and Erie will remain open during regular business hours.
3. All Court appearances at hearings shall be made telephonically, unless expressly directed otherwise by the Presiding Judge, subsequent to the effective date of this Order.
4. Parties shall consult the Presiding Judge’s webpage for instruction on arrangements for telephonic participation.
5. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

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/s/ Carlota M. Böhm  
CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT