

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

<b>In re:</b>	)	
	)	
<b>MANDATORY ELECTRONIC</b>	)	
<b>FILING OF DECLARATIONS OF</b>	)	<b>Misc. Proc. #20-207</b>
<b>ELECTRONIC FILING (LOCAL</b>	)	
<b>FORMS 1A AND 1B) USING THE</b>	)	
<b>ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT</b>	)	
<b>SUBMISSION SYSTEM (EDSS)</b>	)	

**STANDING ORDER**

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the “Court”) has determined that it is in the interest of the public and the Court’s personnel to minimize the volume of documents being delivered to the Court in person and by mail. The Court has implemented an electronic document submission system (“EDSS”) allowing documents to be submitted securely to the Court outside of the CM/ECF System. EDSS is available on the Court’s website at: <http://www.pawb.uscourts.gov/electronic-document-submission-system>.

**AND NOW THEREFORE**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2020**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. W.PA.LBR 5005-7 is hereby suspended.
2. Using Local Bankruptcy Form 1A, or Local Bankruptcy Form 1B if the debtor is not represented by counsel, the original signature of the debtor(s) shall be applied to a “Declaration” authorizing the electronic filing of the bankruptcy petition. Both debtors shall sign the Declaration when a joint petition is filed.
3. Within fourteen (14) days of the electronic filing of the petition, debtor(s)’ counsel shall file a PDF version of the fully executed Declaration using EDSS.
4. The case shall be dismissed without prejudice when the Court is notified that the debtor has failed to sign the Declaration or if the Declaration is not filed within fourteen (14) days of the date the petition is filed
5. Declarations shall **not** be filed by counsel through the Court’s CM/ECF System.
6. Declarations shall **not** be delivered in person or by mail to the Court.
7. Debtor(s)’ counsel shall retain the original copy of each fully executed Declaration pursuant to W.PA.LBR 5005-15.
8. Unless an exception is expressly authorized by the Court, counsel shall file all documents other than Declarations through the Court’s CM/ECF System.

9. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

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