UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS

In re

TELEPHONIC HEARINGS ON REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENTS General Order No. 45

**GENERAL ORDER AUTHORIZING** TELEPHONIC HEARINGS ON REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western

Districts of Arkansas (the "court") has reviewed its General Orders and finds that it would

be appropriate under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 43, made applicable to bankruptcy

cases and proceedings by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9017, to authorize

telephonic hearings on reaffirmation agreements and permit the testimony of the debtor at

such hearings, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

Any reaffirmation agreement set for hearing by the court may, in the court's (a)

discretion, be held telephonically.

(b) Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 43(a), made applicable to bankruptcy cases and

proceedings by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9017, the court may allow the debtor to testify during

such telephonic hearing.

Dated: 11/2/2023

## FOR THE COURT

PHYLLÍS M. JONES

CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

RICHARD D. TAYLOR

BIANCA M. RUCKER

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE