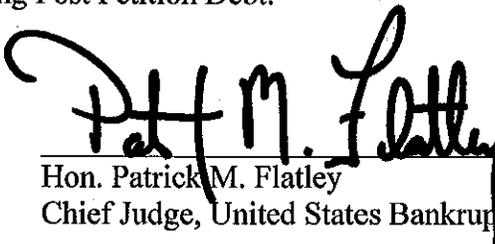


**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE:)
)
INCURRING POST-PETITION DEBT IN)
CHAPTER 13 CASES FOR NON-BUSINESS)
DEBTORS)

GENERAL ORDER 13-01

- (a) In non-business debtor Chapter 13 cases, no prior court approval is needed to incur post-petition debt if the debt is incurred for necessary medical treatment, automotive repair, or home repair.
- (b) No prior court approval is necessary for incurring post-petition debt of \$500 or less.
- (c) In all other circumstances, the debtor must either: (1) submit a Stipulation Authorizing Post Petition Debt to the Chapter 13 trustee for agreement, or (2) file a motion to incur post-petition debt with the clerk. If a Stipulation Authorizing Post Petition Debt is approved by the Chapter 13 trustee, the court will review the stipulation *ex parte* and either sign the joint stipulation giving it the force and effect of a court order, or reject it and set a hearing. If a motion to incur post petition debt is filed with the clerk, then the clerk will issue notice on the motion and no order will be entered approving or denying the motion until after the expiration of the objection period, and if any objection is filed, after adjudication of the objection.
- (d) The clerk, in consultation with the Chapter 13 trustee, is authorized to develop a mandatory form for the Stipulation Authorizing Post Petition Debt.

 10-28-2013

Hon. Patrick M. Flatley (Date)
Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, N.D.W. Va.