

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

**In re:** )  
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**MANDATORY TELEPHONIC** ) **Misc. No. 20-3003**  
**APPEARANCES AT HEARINGS** )  
 )

**STANDING ORDER**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern 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*, this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *March 2020*, it is therefore *ORDERED* that:

1. The Court will remain open for the conduct of official business.
2. The Court’s Clerk’s Offices in Philadelphia and Reading will remain open during regular business hours.
3. Effective immediately, unless otherwise authorized by the presiding judge in an individual case, all court appearances at hearings shall be made telephonically.
4. In the event the Court’s on-site recording services are unavailable to record a telephonic hearing, necessitating that it be recorded by the hosting service provider, such recording will constitute the official record of the court.
5. Parties can find each judge’s telephonic hearing dial-in and access code on the Court’s website at <https://www.paeb.uscourts.gov/file/conference-call-numbers>.
6. This Order shall remain in effect until further notice.



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**MAGDELINE D. COLEMAN  
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**