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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In re) General Order No. 08-0003
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Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007-I)
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In conformance with the approval by the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference and the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Interim Bankruptcy Rule 1007-I, "Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits; Expiration of Temporary Means Testing Exclusion" (attached), be and hereby is adopted, effective December 19, 2008.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2008.



ALEX R. MUNSON
Chief Judge

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Interim Rule 1007-I

“Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits; Expiration of
Temporary Means Testing Exclusion”

(b) SCHEDULES, STATEMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

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(4) Unless either: (A) § 707(b)(2)(D)(I) applies, or (B) § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) applies and the exclusion from means testing granted therein extends beyond the period specified by Rule 1017(e), an individual debtor in a chapter 7 case shall file a statement of current monthly income prepared as prescribed by the appropriate Official Form, and, if the current monthly income exceeds the median family income for the applicable state and household size, the information, including calculations, required by § 707(b), prepared as prescribed by the appropriate Official Form.

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(C) TIME LIMITS. In a voluntary case, the schedules, statements, and other documents required by subdivision (b)(1), (4), (5), and (6) shall be filed with the petition or within 15 days thereafter, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (d), (e), (f), and (h), and (n) of this rule. In an involuntary case, the list in subdivision (a)(2), and the schedules, statements, and other documents required by subdivision

1 (b)(1) shall be filed by the debtor within 15 days of the entry of the order for relief. In
2 a voluntary case, the documents required by paragraphs (A), (C), and (D) of
3 subdivision (b)(3) shall be filed with the petition. Unless the court orders otherwise, a
4 debtor who has filed a statement under subdivision (b)(3)(B), shall file the documents
5 required by subdivision (b)(3)(A) within 15 days of the order for relief. In a chapter 7
6 case, the debtor shall file the statement required by subdivision (b)(7) within 45 days
7 after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under § 341 of the Code, and in a
8 chapter 11 or 13 case no later than the date when the last payment was made by the
9 debtor as required by the plan or the filing of a motion for a discharge under §
10 1141(d)(5)(B) or § 1328(b) of the Code. The court may, at any time and in its
11 discretion, enlarge the time to file the statement required by subdivision (b)(7). The
12 debtor shall file the statement required by subdivision (b)(8) no earlier than the date
13 of the last payment made under the plan or the date of the filing of a motion for
14 a discharge under §§ 1141(d)(5)(B), 1228(b), or 1328(b) of the Code. Lists, schedules,
15 statements, and other documents filed prior to the conversion of a case to another
16 chapter shall be deemed filed in the converted case unless the court directs otherwise.
17 Except as provided in § 1116(3), any extension of time to file schedules, statements,
18 and other documents required under this rule may be granted only on motion for
19 cause shown and on notice to the United States trustee, any committee elected under
20 § 705 or appointed under § 1102 of the Code, trustee, examiner, or other party as the

1 court may direct. Notice of an extension shall be given to the United States trustee
2 and to any committee, trustee, or other party as the court may direct.
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6 (n) TIME LIMITS FOR, AND NOTICE TO, DEBTORS TEMPORARILY
7 EXCLUDED FROM MEANS TESTING.
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9 (1) An individual debtor who is temporarily excluded from means testing pursuant to
10 § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) of the Code shall file any statement and calculations required by
11 subdivision (b)(4) no later than 14 days after the expiration of the temporary exclusion
12 if the expiration occurs within the time specified by Rule 1017(e) for filing a motion
13 pursuant to § 707(b)(2).
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16 (2) If the temporary exclusion from means testing under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) terminates
17 due to the circumstances specified in subdivision (n)(1), and if the debtor has not
18 previously filed a statement and calculations required by subdivision (b)(4), the clerk
19 shall promptly notify the debtor that the required statement and calculations must be
20 filed within the time specified in subdivision (n)(1).
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23 COMMITTEE NOTE
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25 This rule is amended to take account of the enactment of the National Guard and
26 Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008, which amended § 707(b)(2)(D) of the Code to

1 provide a temporary exclusion from the application of the means test for certain
2 members of the National Guard and reserve components of the Armed Forces. This
3 exclusion applies to qualifying debtors while they remain on active duty or are
4 performing a homeland defense activity, and for a period of 540 days thereafter. For
5 some debtors initially covered by the exclusion, the protection from means testing
6 will expire while their chapter 7 cases are pending, and at a point when a timely
7 motion to dismiss under § 707(b)(2) can still be filed. Under the amended rule, these
8 debtors are required to file the statement and calculations required by subdivision
9 (b)(4) no later than 14 days after the expiration of their exclusion.
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13 Subdivisions (b)(4) and (c) are amended to relieve debtors qualifying for an
14 exclusion under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) from the obligation to file a statement of current
15 monthly income and required calculations within the time period specified in
16 subdivision (c).
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18 Subdivision (n)(1) is added to specify the time for filing of the information
19 required by subdivision (b)(4) by a debtor who initially qualifies for the means test
20 exclusion under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii), but whose exclusion expires during the time
21 that a motion to dismiss under § 707(b)(2) may still be made under Rule 1017(e). If,
22 upon the expiration of the temporary exclusion, a debtor has not already filed the
23 required statement and calculations, subdivision (n)(2) directs the clerk to provide
24 prompt notice to the debtor of the time for filing as set forth in subdivision
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