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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

| In the Matter of the |) | General Order No. 02-00001 |
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| |) | ORDER AMENDING |
| AMENDMENT OF THE |) | LOCAL RULE 7.1 |
| LOCAL RULES OF COURT |) | |
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IT IS ORDERED that the Local Rules be and hereby are amended to create

Local Rule 7.1.e, governing continuance of motions in this court, to read as follows:

LR 7.1.e Continuance of Scheduled Motions.

1. Continuances Sought More Than One Week Before Hearing Date. The moving party, or both parties by stipulation, may continue a scheduled hearing date on a motion at any time up to one week before the scheduled hearing. The notice of continuance shall be in writing and shall indicate a new hearing date if the parties have continued the motion to a certain date.

2. <u>Continuances Sought Within One Week of A Hearing Date</u>. No motion may be continued within one week of the hearing date. Within one week of a scheduled hearing, the moving party may only remove its motion from the calendar upon written notice to the court. If movant wishes to have the motion heard at a later date, the motion must be re-filed and re-calendared in accordance with these Rules and the deadlines set in the Case Management Scheduling Order.

This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2003.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 31st day of December, 2002, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Alex R. Munson Judge