


The order below is hereby signed.

Signed: December 20 2024




Elizabeth L. Gunn
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: STAY OF PROCEEDINGS
INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES IN
LIGHT OF LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Order No. 24-05

Judge Elizabeth L. Gunn

ORDER

WHEREAS funding for various Executive Branch agencies, including the Department of Justice, lapsed at midnight on December 20, 2024;

WHEREAS employees of the affected agencies, including the Department of Justice including the Office of the United States Trustee, are generally prohibited, with limited exceptions, from working during the pendency of the lapse in appropriations, even on a voluntary basis;

WHEREAS this Court has a significant volume of matters involving the United States, its agencies, and its officers and employees in which the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Columbia and/or other Department of Justice litigating components represent party litigants;

WHEREAS the Court has a need to minimize expenditures of scarce judicial resources on large volumes of case-specific motions to stay or extend pending deadlines; and

WHEREAS the above constitutes good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 made applicable herein by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006 for extending deadlines

and staying matters in which the United States, its agencies, and its officers and employees are involved.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 6(b)(1)(A), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. In all cases and adversary proceedings pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia, all deadlines imposed upon the United States, any of its federal agencies, or any of its officers or employees shall be extended by the number of days equal to the length (in days) of the lapse of appropriations plus ten days, provided that if the lapse is seven days or fewer, such extension shall be the number of days equal to the length (in days) of the lapse of appropriations plus five days.

2. Should any party seek relief from this Order in any particular case or adversary proceeding, that party shall, in addition to serving the government attorney of record, serve the Office of the United States Trustee by electronic mail at USTPRegion04.A.ECF@UST.DOJ.GOV with the papers seeking such relief.

3. The Office of the United States Trustee shall inform the Court at [Gunn Chambers@dcb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Gunn_Chambers@dcb.uscourts.gov) when appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice.

[Signed and dated above.]