


The order below is hereby signed.

Signed: October 1 2025




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. 25-02

Judge Elizabeth L. Gunn

ORDER

Funding for various Executive Branch agencies, including the Department of Justice, lapsed at midnight on September 30, 2025. Employees of the affected agencies, including the Office of the United States Trustee and other components of the Department of Justice, are generally prohibited, with limited exceptions, from working during the pendency of the lapse in appropriations, even on a voluntary basis.

The 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, Department of Justice, and/or any other federal agency affected by the lapse litigating components represent party litigants, and 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.

The Court finds that the impact of the current lapse in appropriations, as described 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 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1)(A), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective October 1, 2025:

1. In all cases and adversary proceedings pending in the United States 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 (10) days, provided that if the lapse is seven (7) days or fewer, such extension shall be the number of days equal to the length (in days) of the lapse of appropriations plus five (5) days.

2. Any party seeking relief from this Order in any particular case or adversary proceeding shall, in addition to serving the government attorney of record, serve the Office of the United States Trustee by electronic mail at USTPRegion04.AX.ECF@USDOJ.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.]