

1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
2 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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3 In re

4 ORDER ADOPTING REVISED
5 INTERIM RULE 1007-1

SPECIAL ORDER 10-03

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7 **WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2008, the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief
8 Act of 2008 (the Act) was enacted into law; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the Act are effective December 19, 2008; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules prepared new Interim
11 Rule 1007-1, *Lists, Schedules, and Other Documents; Time Limits; Expiration of Temporary*
12 *Means Testing Exclusion*, and amended Official Form 22A, *Statement of Current Monthly*
13 *Income and Means Test Calculation*, creating a new Part 1C therein; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial
15 Conference of the United States approved the new Interim Rule and amended form and
16 recommended the adoption of both by the Judicial Conference of the United States to
17 provide for uniform procedures and means by which to implement the Act; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Judicial Conference
19 of the United States, having approved both recommendations, transmitted the Interim Rule
20 to the courts for adoption by standing order, effective December 19, 2008; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Court adopted Interim Rule 1007-1 in its entirety without change
22 effective December 19, 2008; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Interim Rule 1007-1 included time deadlines contained in Federal Rule
24 of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007 (Rule 1007) that were changed as part of the
25 comprehensive package of changes to time periods in all federal rules of practice and
26 procedure effective December 1, 2009; and

27 **WHEREAS**, it was necessary to revise Interim Rule 1007-1 to conform to the time
28 deadline changes to Rule 1007; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Court adopted revised Interim Rule 1007-1 in its entirety without
2 change effective December 1, 2009; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to further revise Interim Rule 1007-1, effective December
4 1, 2010, to conform to a deadline change in Rule 1007(c) as follows: The time for an
5 individual debtor to file the statement of completion of a course in personal financial
6 management in a chapter 7 case is extended from within 45 days after the first date set for
7 the meeting of creditors to within 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the general effective date of the Act has not provided sufficient time to
10 promulgate rules after appropriate public notice and an opportunity for comment;

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83
12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy
13 Procedure, the attached revised Interim Rule 1007-I is adopted in its entirety without
14 change by this Court effective December 1, 2010, to conform to the Act, unless Congress
15 acts to the contrary. For cases and proceedings not governed by the Act, the Federal Rules
16 of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court, other than Interim Rule 1007-I,
17 shall apply. The Act applies only to cases commenced in the three-year period beginning
18 on the effective date of the Act, as set forth herein. Interim Rule 1007-I, as further revised,
19 shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

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21 DATED: **DEC - 1 2010**

FOR THE COURT:

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Honorable Christopher M. Klein,
Chief Judge

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Interim Rule 1007-I.¹ Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other Documents; Time Limits; Expiration of Temporary Means Testing Exclusion²

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(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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¹Interim Rule 1007-I was adopted by the bankruptcy courts to implement the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008, Public Law No: 110-438. The Act, which provides a temporary exclusion from the application of the means test for certain members of the National Guard and reserve components of the Armed Forces, applies to bankruptcy cases commenced in the three-year period beginning December 19, 2008.

² Incorporates (1) time amendments to Rule 1007 which took effect on December 1, 2009, and (2) an amendment, effective December 1, 2010, which extended the time to file the statement of completion of a course in personal financial management in a chapter 7 case filed by an individual debtor.

14 (c) TIME LIMITS. In a voluntary case, the schedules, statements, and other
15 documents required by subdivision (b)(1), (4), (5), and (6) shall be filed with the
16 petition or within 14 days thereafter, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions
17 (d), (e), (f), (h), and (n) of this rule. In an involuntary case, the list in subdivision
18 (a)(2), and the schedules, statements, and other documents required by subdivision
19 (b)(1) shall be filed by the debtor within 14 days of the entry of the order for relief.
20 In a voluntary case, the documents required by paragraphs (A), (C), and (D) of
21 subdivision (b)(3) shall be filed with the petition. Unless the court orders otherwise,
22 a debtor who has filed a statement under subdivision (b)(3)(B), shall file the
23 documents required by subdivision (b)(3)(A) within 14 days of the order for relief.
24 In a chapter 7 case, the debtor shall file the statement required by subdivision (b)(7)
25 within ~~45~~ 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under § 341 of
26 the Code, and in a chapter 11 or 13 case no later than the date when the last payment
27 was made by the debtor as required by the plan or the filing of a motion for a
28 discharge under § 1141(d)(5)(B) or § 1328(b) of the Code. The court may, at any
29 time and in its discretion, enlarge the time to file the statement required by
30 subdivision (b)(7). The debtor shall file the statement required by subdivision (b)(8)
31 no earlier than the date of the last payment made under the plan or the date of the
32 filing of a motion for a discharge under §§ 1141(d)(5)(B), 1228(b), or 1328(b) of the
33 Code. Lists, schedules, statements, and other documents filed prior to the conversion
34 of a case to another chapter shall be deemed filed in the converted case unless the
35 court directs otherwise. Except as provided in § 1116(3), any extension of time to

36 file schedules, statements, and other documents required under this rule may be
37 granted only on motion for cause shown and on notice to the United States trustee,
38 any committee elected under § 705 or appointed under § 1102 of the Code, trustee,
39 examiner, or other party as the court may direct. Notice of an extension shall be
40 given to the United States trustee and to any committee, trustee, or other party as the
41 court may direct.

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43 (n) TIME LIMITS FOR, AND NOTICE TO, DEBTORS TEMPORARILY
44 EXCLUDED FROM MEANS TESTING.

45 (1) An individual debtor who is temporarily excluded from means testing
46 pursuant to § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) of the Code shall file any statement and calculations
47 required by subdivision (b)(4) no later than 14 days after the expiration of the
48 temporary exclusion if the expiration occurs within the time specified by Rule
49 1017(e) for filing a motion pursuant to § 707(b)(2).

50 (2) If the temporary exclusion from means testing under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii)
51 terminates due to the circumstances specified in subdivision (n)(1), and if the debtor
52 has not previously filed a statement and calculations required by subdivision (b)(4),
53 the clerk shall promptly notify the debtor that the required statement and calculations
54 must be filed within the time specified in subdivision (n)(1).

COMMITTEE NOTE

This rule is amended to take account of the enactment of the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008, which amended § 707(b)(2)(D) of the Code to provide a temporary exclusion from the application of the means test for certain members of the National Guard and reserve components of the Armed Forces. This exclusion applies to qualifying debtors while they remain on active duty or are performing a homeland defense activity, and for a period of 540 days thereafter. For some debtors initially covered by the exclusion, the protection from means testing will expire while their chapter 7 cases are pending, and at a point when a timely motion to dismiss under § 707(b)(2) can still be filed. Under the amended rule, these debtors are required to file the statement and calculations required by subdivision (b)(4) no later than 14 days after the expiration of their exclusion.

Subdivisions (b)(4) and (c) are amended to relieve debtors qualifying for an exclusion under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii) from the obligation to file a statement of current monthly income and required calculations within the time period specified in subdivision (c).

Subdivision (n)(1) is added to specify the time for filing of the information required by subdivision (b)(4) by a debtor who initially qualifies for the means test exclusion under § 707(b)(2)(D)(ii), but whose exclusion expires during the time that a motion to dismiss under § 707(b)(2) may still be made under Rule 1017(e). If, upon the expiration of the temporary exclusion, a debtor has not already filed the required statement and calculations, subdivision (n)(2) directs the clerk to provide prompt notice to the debtor of the time for filing as set forth in subdivision (n)(1).