# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT



Eastern District of California

Honorable Christopher M. Klein Bankruptcy Judge Sacramento, California

July 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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1. <u>25-20414</u>-C-13 JUDY NGUYEN <u>LGT</u>-2 Colby LaVelle

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-11-25 [<u>25</u>]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the July 22, 2025 hearing is required.

# The Motion is dismissed without prejudice.

On July 10, 2025, the movant filed an Ex Parte Motion to Dismiss. Dckt. 40. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2), incorporated by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041, allows dismissal after a responsive pleading has been filed on terms the court considers proper.

The court finds withdrawal is warranted here. The Motion is dismissed without prejudice, and the court removes this Motion from the calendar.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion filed by Chapter 13 Trustee, Lilian Tsang, having been presented to the court, the movant having requested that the Motion itself be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Motion is dismissed without prejudice.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO PAY FEES 6-16-25 [31]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the July 22, 2025 hearing is required.

The court issued this Order to Show Cause because debtor had not paid the fee installment payment due on June 11, 2025. Dkt. 31.

A review of the docket shows that the installment has now been paid. Therefore, the Order to Show Cause is discharged.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Order to Show Cause having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Order to Show Cause is discharged, no sanctions ordered, and the bankruptcy case shall proceed in this court.

3. <u>25-21067</u>-C-13 NICHOLAS O'CONNELL <u>LGT</u>-1 David Johnston MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-18-25 [18]

#### Tentative Ruling:

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 34 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 23.

No opposition has been filed. Therefore, the court enters the defaults of the non-responding parties in interest, finds there are no disputed material factual issues, and determines the matter will be resolved without oral argument. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995); *Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006).

## The Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the case is dismissed.

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion To Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor failed to appear at the Meeting of Creditors on April 17, 2025 and May 29, 2025.

A review of the docket confirms the debtor failed to appear at the Meeting of Creditors, and failed to appear at the Meeting of Creditors on July 2, 2025.

The Motion also argues debtor is \$2,000.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 20.

Debtor did not appear at the Meeting of Creditors held pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 341. Attendance is mandatory. 11 U.S.C. § 343. Failure to appear at the Meeting of Creditors constitutes evidence of unreasonable delay that is prejudicial to creditors, which is cause for dismissal of the case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1).

Failure to maintain plan payments constitute evidence of unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors.

Based on the foregoing, cause exists to dismiss this case pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1). Furthermore, the court finds that dismissal, and not conversion, is in the best interest of creditors and the Estate. The Motion is granted, and the case is dismissed.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion to Dismiss the Chapter 13 case filed by the Chapter 13 Trustee, Lilian

July 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Page 3 of 6 G. Tsang, having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the case is dismissed, the court having found that dismissal, and not conversion, is in the best interest of creditors and the Estate.

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4. <u>25-20781</u>-C-13 RONDELL DANIEL Peter Macaluso

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE -FAILURE TO PAY FEES 7-9-25 [<u>55</u>]

### Tentative Ruling:

The court issued this Order to Show Cause because debtor had not paid the filing fee installment payment on the due date of June 24, 2025. Dkt. 55.

A review of the docket shows the payment has still not been made.

Therefore, the Order to Show Cause is sustained, and the case is dismissed.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Order to Show Cause having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Order to Show Cause is sustained, and the case is dismissed.

5. <u>25-20193</u>-C-13 CATHERINE PIZARRO <u>LGT</u>-1 Peter Macaluso MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-17-25 [43]

#### Tentative Ruling:

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 35 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 46.

# The Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the case is dismissed.

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion To Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor is \$15,700.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 45.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitute evidence of unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors.

Debtor filed an opposition asserting she lost her prior job but has found a new job, and will be filing an amended plan once she starts receiving income from her new job.

Based on the foregoing, cause exists to dismiss this case pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1). Furthermore, the court finds that dismissal, and not conversion, is in the best interest of creditors and the Estate. The Motion is granted, and the case is dismissed.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion to Dismiss the Chapter 13 case filed by the Chapter 13 Trustee, Lilian G. Tsang, having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the case is dismissed, the court having found that dismissal, and not conversion, is in the best interest of creditors and the Estate.

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