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3	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT	
4	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
5	SACRAMENTO DIVISION	
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8	In re:)
9) Case No. 06-20263-B-13J
10	FRANCES DUNTON,)) Docket Control No. MOH-3
11	Debtor.) Date: October 31, 2006
12) Time: 9:30 a.m.
13 14	On or after the calendar set forth above, the court issued the following ruling. The official record of the ruling is appended to the minutes of the hearing.	
15 16 17 18	Because the ruling constitutes a "reasoned explanation" of the court's decision under the E-Government Act of 2002 (the "Act"), a copy of the ruling is hereby posted on the court's Internet site, www.caeb.uscourts.gov, in a text-searchable format, as required by the Act. However, this posting does not constitute the official record, which is always the ruling appended to the minutes of the hearing.	
19	DISPOSITION AFTER ORAL ARGUMENT	
20	Neither the respondent within the time for opposition nor the	
21	movant within the time for reply has filed a separate statement	
22	identifying each disputed material factual issue relating to the	
23	motion. Accordingly, both movant and respondent have consented to the	
24	resolution of the motion and all disputed material factual issues	
25	pursuant to FRCivP 43(e). LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(ii) and (iii).	
26	The motion is granted in part. The debtor's motion to confirm	
27	her first amended plan is granted with the following modification in	
28	the order confirming the plan: the language "at such time as the	

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distribution has been made by the Trustee the case should conclude" is stricken from the plan. With that modification, the court finds that the amended plan, filed August 14, 2006, complies with 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322(a) & (b), 1323(c), and 1325(a).

5 The trustee's objection to the "conclusion" of the debtor's case 6 on the trustee's disbursement of funds in payment of allowed claims is 7 sustained. Before a Chapter 13 estate can be closed, the Chapter 13 8 trustee must prove to the court that the estate has been fully 9 administered. The trustee proves that the estate has been fully 10 administered by preparing and filing a final report and account. Once 11 the court approves the final report and account, the court may 12 discharge the debtor. See In re Avery, 272 B.R. 718, 726-28 (Bankr. 13 E.D. Cal. 2002). In rare circumstances, if the approval of the final 14 report will be unduly delayed and the debtor has a legitimate need for 15 an early entry of discharge, then the court may enter the discharge 16 prior to approval of the final report. Id. at 731. Here, however, 17 the debtor has neither shown such a need nor presented evidence that 18 the trustee's report will be unduly delayed.

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