1 2 3 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 5 SACRAMENTO DIVISION 6 7 8 In re: Case No. 06-23351-B-13J9 HARRY STARLING, 10 Docket Control No. SDH-2 11 Date: December 19, 2006 Debtor(s). 12 Time: 9:30 a.m. 13 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. 14 15 Because the ruling constitutes a "reasoned explanation" of the court's decision under the E-Government Act of 2002 (the 16 "Act"), a copy of the ruling is hereby posted on the court's Internet site, www.caeb.uscourts.gov, in a text-searchable 17 format, as required by the Act. However, this posting does not constitute the official record, which is always the ruling 18 appended to the minutes of the hearing. 19 DISPOSITION WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT 2.0 Oral argument will not aid the court in rendering a decision 21 on this matter. 22 As an initial matter, the court notes that the dismissal of this case on July 15, 2005, does not moot this fee application. 23 2.4 See In re Menk, 241 B.R. 896, 906 (9th Cir. BAP 1999), citing 2.5 Elias v. U.S. Trustee (In re Elias), 188 F.3d 1160, 1162 (9th Cir.1999), St. Angelo v. Victoria Farms, Inc., 38 F.3d 1525, 1533 2.6 (9th Cir.1994), Spacek v. Thomen (In re Universal Farming 27 28 Indus.), 873 F.2d 1334, 1335-37 (9th Cir.1989), Tsafaroff v.

<u>Taylor (In re Taylor)</u>, 884 F.2d 478, 481 (9th Cir.1989) and <u>U.S.A. Motel Corp. v. Danning</u>, 521 F.2d 117 (9th Cir.1975).

The application is denied without prejudice.

This court's authority to review the attorney's fees in this case is grounded in 11 U.S.C. § 329. Section 329(b) permits this court to cancel any fee agreement or order return of funds should the payment exceed the reasonable value of such services. In order for the court to determine whether the requested fee is reasonable, applicant must provide the court with contemporaneous billing records for all work done in relation to this case. Furthermore, applicant is no longer entitled to payment of the flat fee under the Guidelines because an objection has been filed. See Guidelines for Payment of Attorneys' Fees in Chapter 13 Cases, ¶ 3.

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