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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case No. 08-90881-D-7

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Debtor.

MEMORANDUM

On May 12, 2008, Douglas J. Ball ("the debtor") filed the instant Chapter 7 case. The debtor received his discharge under § 727 of the Bankruptcy Code ("Code") on August 29, 2008, and the case was closed on September 9, 2008. On November 12, 2008 the debtor filed an ex-parte application to reopen his case (the "Application"). The Application will be denied for the reason stated below.

The Application requests the debtor's case be reopened so that he may amend his creditor schedules to include various medical bills and expenses that were incurred post-petition. Application indicates the debtor wants to reopen his case to list these post-petition claims for the purpose of "discharging these bills." The debtor's discharge only discharges debt or claims that arose pre-petition. (See § 727(b).) Accordingly, the postpetition medical bills that the debtor wishes to include in his bankruptcy cannot be discharged. Reopening the case will serve

no purpose nor will it accord relief to the debtor. As such, the Application will be denied by separate order. Dated: November 20, 2008 ROBERT S. BARDWIL United States Bankruptcy Judge

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