



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
Eastern District of California

Honorable Christopher M. Klein  
Bankruptcy Judge  
Sacramento, California

**January 27, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

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Sacramento, California

**January 27, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**

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1. [25-23605](#)-C-13 JENNIFER WARNER MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[DPC](#)-1 Pauldeep Bains 12-19-25 [[22](#)]

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the January 27, 2026 hearing is required.  
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The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) notice which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 28 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 27.

**The Motion to Dismiss is denied without prejudice as moot.**

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor is \$3,062.50 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 24.

A review of the docket shows the debtor filed a notice of conversion, and the case was converted to Chapter 7 on January 20, 2026 Dkt. 28 & 31.

Debtor may convert a Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 7 case at any time. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(a). The right is nearly absolute, and the conversion is automatic and immediate. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1017(f)(3); In re Bullock, 41 B.R. 637, 638 (Bankr. E.D. Penn. 1984); In re McFadden, 37 B.R. 520, 521 (Bankr. M.D. Penn. 1984). Debtor's case was converted to a proceeding under Chapter 7 by operation of law once the Notice of Conversion was filed on January 20, 2026. McFadden, 37 B.R. at 521.

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, David P. Cusick, 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 denied without prejudice as moot.

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**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 only 27 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 62.

**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 \$3,700.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 61.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 63) on January 13, 2026, asserting that debtor will be current on or before the hearing.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

**Tentative Ruling:**

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) notice which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 60.

**The Motion to Dismiss is granted.**

The Chapter 13 trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor is \$4,160.42 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 59.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 62) on January 16, 2026, asserting that debtor will be current on or before the hearing.

A review of the docket shows the debtor filed a modified plan that surrenders a vehicle. However a corresponding Motion to Confirm was not filed with the modified plan. Dkt. 61. Additionally, the modified plan does not cure the default.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P.  
Cusick, 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.

**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 36 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 26.

**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 has not filed an amended plan since the court denied confirmation of the Chapter 13 plan on October 7, 2025.

A review of the docket confirms the proposed Chapter 13 plan was denied confirmation, and no plan is set for confirmation hearing. Dkt. 22.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 27) on January 13, 2026, asserting that debtor will file an amended plan prior to the hearing.

Failure to confirm a plan constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

5. [21-20520](#)-C-13 VENESSA CHAULKLIN DE MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[DPC](#)-1 MEDERIOS 12-19-25 [[23](#)]  
Julius Cherry

**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 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 26.

**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 \$900.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 25.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 30) on January, 2026, asserting that debtor has caught up on plan payments.

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed a status report on January 20, 2026 representing that debtor's opposition was based upon debtor having only shown that a payment was started in TFS and that it had not yet cleared.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

**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 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 48.

**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 \$732.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 47.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 49) on January 6, 2026, asserting that debtor has made a partial payment and will be current on or before the hearing.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.



**Tentative Ruling:**

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(2) notice which requires 14 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 15 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 28.

**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 has not filed an amended plan since the court denied confirmation of the Chapter 13 plan on December 17, 2025.

A review of the docket confirms the proposed Chapter 13 plan was denied confirmation, and no plan is set for confirmation hearing. Dkt. 23.

The Motion also argues debtor is \$17,295.81 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 27. Movant further asserts debtor has not provided all required tax returns, or that tax returns have not been filed.

Failure to confirm a plan and 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

**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 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 20.

**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 \$2,575.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 19.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 23) on January 12, 2026, asserting that debtor will be current on or before the hearing.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

9. [22-21352](#)-C-13 ANGELA/JOHN HOFFMAN MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[DPC](#)-2 Scott Johnson 12-1-25 [[47](#)]

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the January 27, 2026 hearing is required.  
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The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) notice which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 57 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 50.

**The Motion to Dismiss is denied without prejudice.**

The Chapter 13 trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor is \$2,250.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 49.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 53) on January 14, 2026, asserting that debtors will file a modified plan and set it for confirmation.

A review of the docket shows the debtor filed a modified plan and corresponding Motion To Confirm on January 15, 2026. Dkts. 54 & 57.

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed a status report on January 20, 2026 representing the debtors filed a modified plan and were now current. Accordingly, the Trustee recommended the motion be denied.

Because it appears debtor is actively prosecuting the case, the Motion is denied without prejudice.

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, David P. Cusick, 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 denied without prejudice.

10. [23-23061](#)-C-13 JOHN/MEAGHAN MERCURIO MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[DPC](#)-1 Mohammad M. Mokarram 12-19-25 [[25](#)]

**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 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 28.

**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 \$5,454.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 27.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 29) on January 13, 2026, asserting that debtors have made multiple TFS payments to be current.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

**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 57 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 98.

**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 \$7,707.54 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 97.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 101) on January 7, 2026, asserting that debtor will be current on or before the hearing.

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

The Trustee filed a status report on January 20, 2026, representing debtor had made some payments but was still delinquent.

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, David P. Cusick, 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.

12. [25-25568](#)-C-13 JULIE HOOVER  
Mark Shmorgon

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE  
TO PAY FEES  
12-15-25 [[16](#)]

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the January 27, 2026 hearing is required.  
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The court issued this Order to Show Cause because debtor had not paid the fee installment payment due on December 8, 2025. Dkt. 16.

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.

13. [25-26768](#)-C-13 PATRICIA SHERRON  
Pro Se

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE  
TO PAY FEES  
1-6-26 [[18](#)]

**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 December 31, 2025. Dkt. 18.

A review of the docket shows the payment has still not been made. Additionally, the debtor did not appear at the Meeting of Creditors on January 15, 2026.

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.

14. [25-22770](#)-C-13 CHARLES/LINDA FRIEDMAN MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[DPC](#)-1 Peter Macaluso 12-19-25 [[27](#)]

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the January 27, 2026 hearing is required.  
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The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) notice which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 30.

**The Motion to Dismiss is denied without prejudice.**

The Chapter 13 trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor has not filed an amended plan since the court denied confirmation of the plan on October 7, 2025.

A review of the docket confirms the plan was denied confirmation. Dkt. 26.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 42) on January 13, 2026, asserting that debtors filed an amended plan.

A review of the docket shows the debtor filed an amended plan and corresponding Motion to Confirm on December 30, 2025. Dkts. 31 & 35.

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed a status report acknowledging the amended plan and recommended denying the motion. Dkt. 43.

Because it appears debtor is actively prosecuting the case, the Motion is denied without prejudice.

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, David P. Cusick, 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 denied without prejudice.



**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 57 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 21.

**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 \$5,250.71 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 20.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 24) on January 13, 2026, asserting that debtors will be filing a modified plan to cure the delinquency.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.

16. [25-26778](#)-C-13 DUSTIN ROBERTS  
Pro Se

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE  
TO PAY FEES  
12-16-25 [[11](#)]

DEBTOR DISMISSED: 12/22/25

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the January 27, 2026 hearing is required.  
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The above captioned case was dismissed on December 22, 2025. Dkt. 13.  
Therefore, the Order to Show Cause is dismissed as moot.

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  
dismissed as moot.

17. [25-26878](#)-C-13 JAMES HARLAND  
Pro Se

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE  
TO PAY FEES  
12-22-25 [[11](#)]

DEBTOR DISMISSED: 12/30/25

**Final Ruling:** No appearance at the January 27, 2026 hearing is required.  
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The above captioned case was dismissed on December 30, 2025. Dkt. 13.  
Therefore, the Order to Show Cause is dismissed as moot.

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  
dismissed as moot.

18. [24-23181](#)-C-13    MICHAEL/ANGELIQUE VALERA    MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[DPC](#)-4                    Peter Macaluso                    12-19-25 [[123](#)]

**Tentative Ruling:**

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) notice which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 126.

**The Motion to Dismiss is denied without prejudice.**

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor is \$27,556.56 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 125.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 134) on January 13, 2026, asserting that debtors filed a modified plan.

A review of the docket shows the debtor filed a modified plan and corresponding Motion to Confirm on January 9, 2026. Dkts. 127 & 130.

Because it appears debtor is actively prosecuting the case, the Motion is denied without prejudice.

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, David P. Cusick, 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 denied without prejudice.

19. [25-26089](#)-C-13 MICHAEL/MARCIA CLARK  
[DPC](#)-1 Pauldeep Bains

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
12-31-25 [[16](#)]

**Tentative Ruling:**

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) notice which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that only 27 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 19.

**The Motion to Dismiss is denied without prejudice.**

The Chapter 13 Trustee filed this Motion to Dismiss arguing that cause for dismissal exists because the debtor is \$1,435.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 18.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 20) on January 15, 2026, asserting that debtors will be filing an amended plan.

A review of the docket shows the debtor filed an amended plan and corresponding Motion to Confirm on January 19, 2026. Dkts. 23 & 28.

Because it appears debtor is actively prosecuting the case, the Motion is denied without prejudice.

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, David P. Cusick, 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 denied without prejudice.

**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 39 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 50.

**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 \$2,100.00 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 49.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 51) on December 19, 2025, asserting that debtor will be current on or before the hearing.

Failure to maintain plan payments constitutes 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, David P. Cusick, 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.