



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California

Honorable Christopher M. Klein
Bankruptcy Judge
Sacramento, California

February 24, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

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1. [23-24645](#)-C-13 STEVEN/TAMMY CARROLL MOTION TO RESTORE MOTION FOR
[SKI](#)-2 Nicholas Wajda RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY
1-22-26 [[89](#)]

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 32 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 93.

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 for Relief from the Automatic Stay is granted.

Mercedes-Benz Vehicle Trust Successor in interest to Daimler Trust ("Movant") filed this Motion seeking to restore its Motion for relief from the automatic stay as to the debtors' 2022 Mercedes-Benz CLA35C4 (the "Property") in accordance to the stipulation Movant and the debtor entered into and that was approved by the court on May 19, 2024, dkt. 78.

Movant argues cause for relief from stay exists pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d) (1) because the debtors have defaulted under the terms of the stipulation. Additionally, Movant asserts the lease expired on November 5, 2025 and the debtors did not exercise the option to purchase the vehicle and they have not surrendered the vehicle.

DISCUSSION

Upon review of the record, the court finds cause for relief from stay exists pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d) (1) because the debtors have defaulted under the terms of the stipulation. The court also finds cause exists pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d) (2) because the debtors do not have equity in the property and the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization.

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Request for Waiver of Fourteen-Day Stay of Enforcement

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) stays an order granting a motion for relief from the automatic stay for fourteen days after the order is entered, unless the court orders otherwise. Movant requests that the court grant relief from the Rule as adopted by the United States Supreme Court.

Movant has pleaded adequate facts and presented sufficient evidence to support the court waiving the fourteen-day stay of enforcement required under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3), and this part of the requested relief is granted.

No other or additional relief is granted by the court.

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 for Relief from the Automatic Stay filed by Mercedes-Benz Vehicle Trust Successor in interest to Daimler Trust ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are vacated to allow Movant, its agents, representatives, and successors, and all other creditors having lien rights against the Property, under its security agreement, loan documents granting it a lien in the asset identified as a 2022 Mercedes-Benz CLA35C4 ("Property"), and applicable nonbankruptcy law to obtain possession of, nonjudicially sell, and apply proceeds from the sale of the Property to the obligation secured thereby.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fourteen-day stay of enforcement provided in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is waived for cause.

No other or additional relief is granted.

2. [23-24645](#)-C-13 STEVEN/TAMMY CARROLL
[WLG-3](#) Nicholas Wajda

MOTION TO INCUR DEBT
2-9-26 [[95](#)]

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. 99.

The Motion to Incur Debt is granted.

Debtors Steven and Tammy Carroll filed this Motion seeking authority to incur new debt to purchase a vehicle.

The proposed financing is in the principal amount of \$38,409.91, paid at 15.80% interest over a 78 month term. Monthly payments are proposed to be \$796.01.

The court finds that the proposed credit, based on the unique facts and circumstances of this case, is reasonable. There being no opposition from any party in interest and the terms being reasonable, the Motion is granted.

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 Incur Debt filed by Steven and Tammy Carroll 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 is granted, and Steven and Tammy Carroll are authorized to incur debt pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Exhibit 1, Dkt. 98. Debtor's counsel shall prepare an appropriate order granting the Motion, transmit the proposed order to the Chapter 13 Trustee for approval as to form, and if so approved submit the proposed order to the court.

3. [25-25450](#)-C-13 BRYON/NANETTE MILLS OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF
[LGT](#)-1 Mary Ellen Terranella PLAN BY LILIAN G. TSANG
2-3-26 [[37](#)]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the February 24, 2026 hearing is required.

The trustee having filed a Notice of Dismissal, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014 and 7041, **the Objection to Confirmation was dismissed without prejudice, the matter is removed from the calendar, and the Chapter 13 Plan filed on December 24, 2025, is confirmed.**

The Chapter 13 Trustee shall prepare an appropriate order confirming the Chapter 13 plan and submit the proposed order to the court.

4. [22-22793](#)-C-13 DONNETTE DESANTIS
[RJ-7](#) Richard Jare

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN
1-2-26 [[108](#)]

DEBTOR DISMISSED: 11/19/25

Final Ruling: No appearance at the February 24, 2026 hearing is required.

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 35 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 53 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 113.

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 Confirm is denied as moot.

A review of the docket shows the case was dismissed on November 19, 2025, and the debtor's motion to vacate dismissal was denied on January 5, 2026. Therefore, this Motion is denied 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 Motion to Confirm filed by the debtor, Donnette Lynn DeSantis, 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 is denied as moot.