



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

Honorable Christopher M. Klein  
Bankruptcy Judge  
Sacramento, California

**March 24, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**

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1. [24-21965](#)-C-13 GREGOIRE TONOUKOUIN MOTION TO DISMISS CASE  
[LGT-1](#) Thomas Amberg 2-19-26 [[59](#)]

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 33 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 \$4,689.04 delinquent in plan payments, which is supported by declaration. Dkt. 61.

Debtor filed an opposition (Dkt. 63) on March 10, 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, Lilian G. Tsang, 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.