UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Honorable Fredrick E. Clement Sacramento Federal Courthouse 501 I Street, 7th Floor Courtroom 28, Department A Sacramento, California

DAY: TUESDAY DATE: AUGUST 17, 2021 CALENDAR: 9:00 A.M. CHAPTER 13 CASES

RULINGS

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling.

"No Ruling" means the likely disposition of the matter will not be disclosed in advance of the hearing. The matter will be called; parties wishing to be heard should rise and be heard.

"Tentative Ruling" means the likely disposition, and the reasons therefor, are set forth herein. The matter will be called. Aggrieved parties or parties for whom written opposition was not required should rise and be heard. Parties favored by the tentative ruling need not appear. Nonappearing parties are advised that the court may adopt a ruling other than that set forth herein without further hearing or notice.

"Final Ruling" means that the matter will be resolved in the manner, and for the reasons, indicated below. The matter will not be called; parties and/or counsel need not appear and will not be heard on the matter.

CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED RULINGS

On occasion, the court will change its intended ruling on some of the matters to be called and will republish its rulings. The parties and counsel are advised to recheck the posted rulings after 3:00 p.m. on the next business day prior to the hearing. Any such changed ruling will be preceded by the following bold face text: "[Since posting its original rulings, the court has changed its intended ruling on this matter]".

ERRORS IN RULINGS

Clerical errors of an insignificant nature, e.g., nomenclature ("2017 Honda Accord," rather than "2016 Honda Accord"), amounts, ("\$880," not "\$808"), may be corrected in (1) tentative rulings by appearance at the hearing; or (2) final rulings by appropriate ex parte application. Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(a) *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9024. All other errors, including those occasioned by mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, must be corrected by noticed motion. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 60(b), *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9023.

1. <u>21-20401</u>-A-13 **IN RE: RAFAEL QUIROZ** DPC-3

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [65]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

2. <u>20-24902</u>-A-13 **IN RE: ISIDRO FLORES** <u>DPC-2</u>

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [80]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

3. <u>21-21504</u>-A-13 **IN RE: SALLY ALLEN** DPC-1

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY DAVID P. CUSICK 6-9-2021 [29]

RICHARD JARE/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

4. <u>21-21504</u>-A-13 **IN RE: SALLY ALLEN** DWE-1

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY CREDITOR U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A./FAY SERVICING, LLC 5-21-2021 [22]

RICHARD JARE/ATTY. FOR DBT. DANE EXNOWSKI/ATTY. FOR MV. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

5. $\frac{20-21505}{TJW-2}$ -A-13 IN RE: STEPHEN COHRS

MOTION TO CONFIRM SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 7-27-2021 [44]

TIMOTHY WALSH/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

6. <u>19-22509</u>-A-13 **IN RE: ULISES MEZA** DPC-2

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-16-2021 [67]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT. DAVID CUSICK/ATTY. FOR MV. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

7. <u>19-22509</u>-A-13 **IN RE: ULISES MEZA** <u>PGM-2</u>

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 7-2-2021 [71]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

8. <u>19-27111</u>-A-13 IN RE: MICHAEL/SHANON BENNETT DPC-3

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-6-2021 [88]

RICHARD KWUN/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

9. <u>19-27815</u>-A-13 **IN RE: IYANAH FLETCHER** DPC-1

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-6-2021 [49]

RICHARD JARE/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

10. <u>21-22121</u>-A-13 IN RE: JEFFREY/CHERYL VANORNUM DPC-1

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY DAVID P. CUSICK 7-21-2021 [14]

JULIUS CHERRY/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

11. <u>21-20922</u>-A-13 **IN RE: KYLE ASH** <u>DPC-2</u> MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-19-2021 [57]

JOSEPH ROSENBLIT/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

CASE DISMISSAL

The chapter 13 trustee moves to dismiss this chapter 13 case for a delinquency in payments under the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan. For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under 1307(c)(1), (c)(4) and § 1326(a)(1)(A) to dismiss the case.

Payments under the proposed plan are delinquent in the amount of \$10,850.00.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss this chapter 13 case has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted because of the delinquency under the proposed chapter 13 plan in this case. The court hereby dismisses this case.

12. $\frac{20-24628}{PGM-4}$ -A-13 IN RE: NGOC LIEN NGUYEN

MOTION TO VALUE COLLATERAL OF CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE CDC 7-13-2021 [83]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Value Collateral [Personal Property; Non-vehicular] Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); trustee's non-opposition filed Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the respondent is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

VALUATION OF COLLATERAL

Chapter 13 debtors may value collateral by noticed motion. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3012. Section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, "An allowed claim of a creditor secured by a lien on property in which the estate has an interest . . . is a secured claim to the extent of the value of such creditor's interest in the estate's interest in such property" and is unsecured as to the remainder. 11 U.S.C. § 506(a). For personal property, value is defined as "replacement value" on the date of the petition. *Id.* § 506(a)(2). For "property acquired for personal, family, or household purposes, replacement value shall mean the price a retail merchant would charge for property of that kind considering the age and condition of the property at the time value is determined." *Id.* The costs of sale or marketing may not be deducted. *Id.*

The right to value non-vehicular, personal property collateral in which the creditor has a purchase money security interest is limited to such collateral securing a debt that was incurred more than one year before the date of the petition. 11 U.S.C. §1325(a) (hanging paragraph).

In this case, the debtor seeks to value collateral consisting of personal property described as four (4) sets of tables and chairs and two (2) refrigerators at a value of \$5,000.00, ECF No. 85, and an "inventory" valued at \$100. The debt secured by such property was not incurred within the 1-year period preceding the date of the petition. The court values the collateral at \$5,100.00.

L.B.R. 9014-1(d)(3)

"The application, motion, contested matter, or other request for relief shall set forth the relief or order sought and shall state with particularity the factual and legal grounds therefor. Legal grounds for the relief sought means citation to the statute, rule, case, or common law doctrine that forms the basis of the moving party's request but does not include a discussion of those authorities or argument for their applicability." L.B.R. 9014-1(d) (3).

Here the debtor did not state the legal authority for the motion as required under L.B.R. 9014-1(d)(3), (presumably 11 U.S.C. § 506), or identify which California Statewide CDC claim is involved (Claim No. 6 or 10). Based on the description in the proofs of claim, the court construes that Claim No. 6 is involved. The court mandates compliance with L.B.R. 9014-1(d)(3).

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The debtor's motion to value non-vehicular, personal property collateral has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The personal property collateral described as a four (4) sets of tables and chairs, two (2) refrigerators and an "inventory" valued at \$100 has a total value of \$5,100.00. No senior liens on the collateral have been

identified. The respondent has a secured claim in the amount of \$5,100.00 equal to the value of the collateral that is unencumbered by senior liens. The respondent has a general unsecured claim for the balance of the claim.

13. $\frac{20-21032}{DPC-1}$ IN RE: MARJORIE ALCANTARA

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [48]

RICHARD JARE/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

14. <u>21-22032</u>-A-13 **IN RE: NADEZHDA LAGODA** DPC-1

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-19-2021 [14]

MARK SHMORGON/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

15. <u>21-22032</u>-A-13 **IN RE: NADEZHDA LAGODA** <u>DPC-2</u>

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY KRISTEN A. KOO 7-21-2021 [18]

MARK SHMORGON/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Tentative Ruling

Objection: Trustee's Objection to Confirmation of Plan **Notice:** LBR 3015-1(c)(4), 9014-1(f)(2); no written opposition required **Disposition:** Sustained and confirmation denied **Order:** Civil minute order

No responding party is required to file written opposition to the objection; opposition may be presented at the hearing. LBR 3015-1(c)(4), 9014-1(f)(2)(C). If opposition is presented at the hearing, the court may rule on the merits or set a briefing schedule. Absent such opposition, the court will adopt this tentative ruling.

Chapter 13 plan confirmation is governed by 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322, 1325 and by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(b) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3015-1. The debtor has the burden of proving that the plan complies with all statutory requirements of confirmation. *In re Andrews*, 49 F.3d 1404, 1407-08 (9th Cir. 1995); *In re Barnes*, 32 F.3d 405, 407-08 (9th Cir. 1994).

11 U.S.C. § 341

The debtors failed to attend a scheduled § 341 meeting of creditors held on July 15, 2021. The next meeting has been continued to August 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(6)

The debtor failed to show feasibility of the proposed chapter 13 plan under 11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(6). The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed plan. Payments are delinquent in the amount of \$100.00.

11 U.S.C. § 521

The debtor has failed to provide the trustee with a tax transcript or a copy of her Federal Income Tax Return with attachments for the most recent pre-petition tax year for which a return was required, or a written statement that no such documentation exists. 11 U.S.C. § 521(e)(2)(A); FRBP 4002(b)(3). This was required seven days before the date first set for the meeting of creditors, 11 U.S.C. §521(e)(2)(A)(1).

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The chapter 13 trustee's objection to confirmation has been presented to the court. Having considered the objection, oppositions, responses and replies, if any, and having heard oral argument presented at the hearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the objection is sustained. The court denies confirmation of the chapter 13 plan.

16. <u>19-23633</u>-A-13 IN RE: ROBERTO/TRACI TREVIZO SLE-2

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 7-14-2021 [60]

STEELE LANPHIER/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Final Ruling

Motion: Modify Chapter 13 Plan Notice: LBR 3015-1(d)(2), 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition filed by the trustee Disposition: Denied Order: Civil minute order

The motion requests modification of the Chapter 13 plan in this case. See 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322, 1325, 1329; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(b); LBR 3015-1(d)(2). The Chapter 13 trustee opposes the motion, objecting to the modification.

Chapter 13 plan modification is governed by 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322, 1323, 1325, 1329 and by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(5) and 3015(g) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3015-1. "[T]he only limits on modification are those set forth in the language of the Code itself, coupled with the bankruptcy judge's discretion and good judgment in reviewing the motion to modify." *In re Powers*, 202 B.R. 618, 622 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1996).

11 U.S.C. § 1322(a)(1)

"The plan shall provide for the submission of all or such portion of future earnings or other future income of the debtor to the supervision and control of the trustee as is necessary for the execution of the plan." 11 U.S.C. § 1322(a)(1).

In Section 7.01 states in its entirety: "Plan shall be considered current as of July 2021. Debtors will be authorized to skip up to 12 plan payments (August 2021 through July 2022). Plan payments beginning July 2022 shall resume at \$595 per month until Plan completion. The plan term shall be extended by the number of months Debtors skip. If Debtors' financial situation changes, they may resume plan payments early." ECF No. 63. The debtor does not state an amount paid.

However, Class 2A of the plan provides monthly payments to creditor Chase Auto Finance of \$495.00. Payments cannot be distributed thusly with a 12-month skip of payments. Also, the non-standard provisions as stated do not cure the debt owed to Chase Auto Finance (\$16,437.00).

11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(6)

The debtor has to show under § 1325(a)(6) that the proposed chapter 13 plan is feasible, and that the debtor can comply with its terms.

The debtors do not have regular income. Their supplemental Schedule I reflects \$0.00 monthly income, ECF No. 64. Supplemental Schedule J reflects (-\$4,218.00) net monthly income. The court cannot grant modification of the plan under these financial circumstances.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The debtor's motion to modify a chapter 13 plan has been presented to the court. Having considered the motion together with papers filed in support and opposition to it, and having heard the arguments of counsel, if any, and good cause appearing, presented at the hearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is denied. The court denies modification of the chapter 13 plan.

17. $\frac{20-20634}{DPC-2}$ -A-13 IN RE: DEEANNE HELTON AND MICHAEL COOPER DPC-2

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [57]

GARY FRALEY/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1) and (6) to dismiss the case. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed plan. Payments are delinquent in the amount of \$8,250.00.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of the respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed chapter 13 plan in this case. This delinquency constitutes cause to dismiss this case. 11 U.S.C. 1307(c)(1),(6). The court hereby dismisses this case.

18. 21-21334-A-13 IN RE: DANIEL LUPINA

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY KELLY WILLIAMS 5-20-2021 [23]

MIKALAH LIVIAKIS/ATTY. FOR DBT. JOSEPH CAFFREY/ATTY. FOR MV.

No Ruling

19. <u>21-21334</u>-A-13 **IN RE: DANIEL LUPINA** DPC-1

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY DAVID P. CUSICK 5-19-2021 [19]

MIKALAH LIVIAKIS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

20. <u>21-21334</u>-A-13 **IN RE: DANIEL LUPINA** JWC-1

CONTINUED OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY KELLY WILLIAMS 6-24-2021 [33]

MIKALAH LIVIAKIS/ATTY. FOR DBT. JOSEPH CAFFREY/ATTY. FOR MV.

No Ruling

21. <u>20-21944</u>-A-13 **IN RE: HUGO THOMPSON** <u>DPC-1</u>

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-9-2021 [30]

MICHAEL HAYS/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Final Ruling

Since the trustee agreed that the court should dismiss this case, should the court grant the debtor's Motion to Modify Plan (Item 22), and since the court granted said motion, the court will drop this matter from the calendar as moot. 22. <u>20-21944</u>-A-13 **IN RE: HUGO THOMPSON** MOH-1

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 7-7-2021 [38]

MICHAEL HAYS/ATTY. FOR DBT. TRUSTEE NON-OPPOSITION

Final Ruling

Motion: Modify Chapter 13 Plan
Notice: LBR 3015-1(d)(2), 9014-1(f)(1); trustee's non-opposition
filed
Disposition: Granted
Order: Prepared by movant, approved by the trustee

Subject: First Amended Chapter 13 Plan, July 7, 2021

DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

CHAPTER 13 PLAN MODIFICATION

Chapter 13 plan modification is governed by 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322, 1323, 1325, 1329 and by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(5) and 3015(g) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3015-1. "[T]he only limits on modification are those set forth in the language of the Code itself, coupled with the bankruptcy judge's discretion and good judgment in reviewing the motion to modify." In re Powers, 202 B.R. 618, 622 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1996).

Chapter 13 debtors seeking plan modification have the burden of proving that all requirements of § 1322(a) and (b) and § 1325(a) have been met. See 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322(a)-(b), 1325(a), 1329(b)(1); see also In re Powers, 202 B.R. at 622 ("[Section] 1329(b)(1) protects the parties from unwarranted modification motions by ensuring that the proposed modifications satisfy the same standards as required of the initial plan."); see also In re Barnes, 32 F.3d 405, 407 (9th Cir. 1994); In re Andrews, 49 F.3d 1404, 1408 (9th Cir. 1995).

The court finds that the debtor has sustained this burden of proof. The court will grant the motion and approve the modification.

23. <u>15-21845</u>-A-13 **IN RE: JOSEPH BARNES** DPC-2

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-7-2021 [300]

SCOTT SHUMAKER/ATTY. FOR DBT. DAVID CUSICK/ATTY. FOR MV. DEBTOR DISCHARGED: 09/22/2016

RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Final Ruling

Since the trustee agreed that the court should dismiss this case, should the court grant the debtor's Motion to Modify Plan (Item 24), and since the court granted said motion, the court will drop this matter from the calendar as moot.

24. <u>15-21845</u>-A-13 **IN RE: JOSEPH BARNES** <u>SS-15</u>

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 7-12-2021 [306]

SCOTT SHUMAKER/ATTY. FOR DBT. DEBTOR DISCHARGED: 09/22/2016 TRUSTEE NON-OPPOSITION

Final Ruling

Motion: Modify Chapter 13 Plan
Notice: LBR 3015-1(d)(2), 9014-1(f)(1); trustee's non-opposition
filed
Disposition: Granted
Order: Prepared by movant, approved by the trustee

Subject: Tenth Amended Chapter 13 Plan, July 12, 2021

DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

CHAPTER 13 PLAN MODIFICATION

Chapter 13 plan modification is governed by 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322, 1323, 1325, 1329 and by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(5) and 3015(g) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3015-1. "[T]he only limits on modification are those set forth in the language of the Code itself, coupled with the bankruptcy judge's discretion and good judgment in reviewing the motion to modify." *In re Powers*, 202 B.R. 618, 622 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1996).

Chapter 13 debtors seeking plan modification have the burden of proving that all requirements of § 1322(a) and (b) and § 1325(a) have been met. See 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322(a)-(b), 1325(a), 1329(b)(1); see also In re Powers, 202 B.R. at 622 ("[Section] 1329(b)(1) protects the parties from unwarranted modification motions by ensuring that the proposed modifications satisfy the same standards as required of the initial plan."); see also In re Barnes, 32 F.3d 405, 407 (9th Cir. 1994); In re Andrews, 49 F.3d 1404, 1408 (9th Cir. 1995).

The court finds that the debtor has sustained this burden of proof. The court will grant the motion and approve the modification.

25. 20-23746-A-13 IN RE: CHRISTIAN/DEBORAH BRIGHT DPC-1

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [19]

SETH HANSON/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1) and (6) to dismiss the case. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed plan. Payments are delinquent in the amount of \$3,847.00.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of the respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed chapter 13 plan in this case. This delinquency constitutes cause to dismiss this case. 11 U.S.C. 1307(c)(1),(6). The court hereby dismisses this case.

26. <u>20-21047</u>-A-13 IN RE: PAUL DENNO AND SANDRA MURRAY MWB-4

MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-17-2021 [72]

MARK BRIDEN/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

27. $\frac{20-21047}{MWB-5}$ -A-13 IN RE: PAUL DENNO AND SANDRA MURRAY

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR MARK W. BRIDEN, DEBTORS ATTORNEY(S) 7-15-2021 [78]

MARK BRIDEN/ATTY. FOR DBT. TRUSTEE NON-OPPOSITION

Final Ruling

Application: Allowance of Compensation and Expense Reimbursement
Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); trustee's non-opposition filed
Disposition: Approved
Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this application was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on the application. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered.

The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

In this Chapter 13 case, Mark W. Briden has applied for an allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The application requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$1,770.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$34.44.

Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by a debtor's attorney in a Chapter 13 case and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1), (4)(B). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. *See id.* § 330(a)(3).

The applicant filed Form EDC 3-096, *Rights and Responsibilities of Chapter 13 Debtors and Their Attorneys*, opting in to the no-look fee approved through plan confirmation, ECF No. 3. The plan also shows the attorney opted in pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(c), ECF No. 76. The applicant now seeks additional fees, arguing that the no-look fee is insufficient to fairly compensate the applicant. However, in cases in which the fixed, no-look fee has been approved as part of a confirmed plan, an applicant requesting additional compensation must show that substantial and unanticipated postconfirmation work was necessary. See LBR 2016-1(c).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and that the movant has shown that substantial and unanticipated post-confirmation work was necessary. The court will approve the application. Such amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for compensation and expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Mark W. Briden's application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved. The court allows compensation in the amount of \$1,770.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$34.44. The aggregate allowed amount equals \$1,804.44.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trustee is authorized to pay the fees allowed by this order from the available funds of the plan in a manner consistent with the terms of the confirmed plan.

28. <u>19-26448</u>-A-13 **IN RE: DUANE OTT** DPC-2

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-9-2021 [41]

MARC VOISENAT/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

29. $\frac{21-20652}{DPC-2}$ -A-13 IN RE: ROBERTO/SANDRA BATISTA

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-6-2021 [<u>33</u>]

GARY FRALEY/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

DELINQUENCY

The chapter 13 trustee moves to dismiss this chapter 13 case for a delinquency in payments under the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan. For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1), (c)(4) and § 1326(a)(1)(A) to dismiss the case. Payments under the proposed plan are delinquent in the amount of \$7,305.00.

FAILURE TO PROSECUTE

The debtor has failed to confirm a plan within a reasonable time. The case has been pending for approximately 5.5 months, yet a plan has not been confirmed. This constitutes unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors. The court will dismiss the case.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss this chapter 13 case has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted because of the delinquency under the proposed chapter 13 plan in this case. The court hereby dismisses this case.

30. <u>19-27056</u>-A-13 **IN RE: BONITA MELENDEZ** <u>DPC-1</u>

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-12-2021 [26]

RICK MORIN/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Tentative Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

The chapter 13 trustee moves to dismiss this case, asserting that cause exists under § 1307(c)(1) and (6) as the debtor has failed to make all payments due under the plan. The trustee contends that the debtor is delinquent in the amount of \$7,228.05.

The debtor's opposition states that the debtor will come current by the hearing. In effect, the debtor's statements regarding amounts remaining to be paid admits the existence of a delinquency in the amount of \$7,228.05.

The debtor's opposition does not fully resolve the grounds for dismissal. A delinquency still exists as of the date of the opposition. A statement of intent to pay the delinquency on or before a future date is not equivalent to cure of the delinquency. The court is unable to deny the motion given the outstanding delinquency.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been presented to the court. Having considered the motion, the opposition, responses, and oral argument at the hearing, if any, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed chapter 13 plan in this case. Payments are delinquent in the amount of 7,228.05. This delinquency constitutes cause to dismiss this case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1), (6). The court hereby dismisses this case.

31. 21-20956-A-13 IN RE: JON HILL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO PAY FEES 7-22-2021 [47]

GEORGE BURKE/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Tentative Ruling

If the filing fee has not been paid in full by the time of the hearing, the case may be dismissed without further notice or hearing.

32. <u>21-22060</u>-A-13 **IN RE: JACQUE HAND** DPC-1

OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF PLAN BY DAVID P. CUSICK 7-19-2021 [19]

MICHAEL BENAVIDES/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

This case having been dismissed on August 5, 2021, this matter will be dropped from the calendar as moot.

33. <u>18-26061</u>-A-13 IN RE: AUREA/CARLOS GOMEZ RLG-5

MOTION TO SELL AND/OR MOTION TO WAIVE RULE 6004(H) O.S.T. 7-29-2021 [69]

ROBERT GOLDSTEIN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

34. <u>20-24661</u>-A-13 **IN RE: PATRICIA KELLY** <u>DPC-2</u>

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [44]

CHINONYE UGORJI/ATTY. FOR DBT. DAVID CUSICK/ATTY. FOR MV.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

DELINQUENCY

The chapter 13 trustee moves to dismiss this chapter 13 case for a delinquency in payments under the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan. For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1), (c)(4) and § 1326(a)(1)(A) to dismiss the case. Payments under the proposed plan are delinquent in the amount of \$76.81.

FAILURE TO PROSECUTE

The debtor has failed to confirm a plan within a reasonable time. The case has been pending for approximately 10 months, yet a plan has not been confirmed. This constitutes unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors. The court will dismiss the case.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss this chapter 13 case has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted because of the delinquency under the proposed chapter 13 plan in this case. The court hereby dismisses this case.

35. <u>17-27971</u>-A-13 **IN RE: MO TEYMOURI** GW-7

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR GERALD L. WHITE, DEBTORS ATTORNEY(S) 7-15-2021 [81]

GERALD WHITE/ATTY. FOR DBT. TRUSTEE NON-OPPOSITION

Final Ruling

Application: Allowance of Final Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Approved Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this application was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on the application. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

In this Chapter 13 case, Gerald L. White has applied for an allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The applicant requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$1,470.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by a debtor's

attorney in a Chapter 13 case and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1), (4)(B). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. *See id.* § 330(a)(3).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on a final basis. The court also approves on a final basis all prior applications for interim fees and costs that the court has allowed under § 331 on an interim basis

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Gerald L. White's application for allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved on a final basis. The court allows final compensation in the amount of \$1,470.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$0.00. The aggregate allowed amount equals \$1,470.00. As of the date of the application, the applicant held a retainer in the amount of \$3,000.00. The amount of \$1,470.00 shall be allowed as an administrative expense to be paid through the plan, and the remainder of the allowed amounts, if any, shall be paid from the retainer held by the applicant. The court also approves on a final basis all prior applications for interim fees and costs that the court has allowed under § 331 on an interim basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trustee is authorized to pay the fees allowed by this order from the available funds of the plan in a manner consistent with the terms of the confirmed plan.

36. <u>21-22675</u>-A-13 **IN RE: DEDAN KIMANI** <u>PLG-1</u>

MOTION TO EXTEND AUTOMATIC STAY 8-3-2021 [8]

STEVEN ALPERT/ATTY. FOR DBT.

37. <u>20-22076</u>-A-13 **IN RE: PAMELA PORTER** DPC-2

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-12-2021 [32]

TIMOTHY WALSH/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

38. $\frac{20-20084}{RJ-5}$ -A-13 IN RE: BERNADETTE TEDING

CONTINUED MOTION TO MODIFY PLAN 6-8-2021 [100]

RICHARD JARE/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

39. <u>20-20084</u>-A-13 IN RE: BERNADETTE TEDING RPZ-2

CONTINUED MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 5-18-2021 [83]

RICHARD JARE/ATTY. FOR DBT. ROBERT ZAHRADKA/ATTY. FOR MV. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY VS. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

40. <u>21-20984</u>-A-13 IN RE: CURTIS/PEGGY COWGILL DPC-2

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-20-2021 [29]

MIKALAH LIVIAKIS/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case
Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required
Disposition: Granted
Order: Civil minute order

CASE DISMISSAL

The trustee moves to dismiss this chapter 13 case. For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1) to dismiss the case. The debtor has failed to confirm a plan within a reasonable time. The case has been pending for approximately 5 months, yet a plan has not been confirmed. This constitutes unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors. The court will dismiss the case.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss this chapter 13 case has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The court hereby dismisses this case.

41. $\frac{20-20786}{DPC-2}$ -A-13 IN RE: RONNIE/THERESA BROWN

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-12-2021 [74]

ERIC SCHWAB/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1) and (6) to dismiss the case. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed plan. Payments are delinquent in the amount of \$500.00.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of the respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The debtor has failed to make all payments due under the confirmed chapter 13 plan in this case. This delinquency constitutes cause to dismiss this case. 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c)(1), (6). The court hereby dismisses this case.

42. <u>20-21786</u>-A-13 **IN RE: MONNALISSA O'DELL** DPC-2

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 6-9-2021 [50]

SCOTT JOHNSON/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

43. <u>21-20791</u>-A-13 **IN RE: ELIZABETH ROHDE** <u>DPC-2</u>

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-7-2021 [40]

YASHA RAHIMZADEH/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

CASE DISMISSAL

The trustee moves to dismiss this chapter 13 case. For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under § 1307(c)(1) to dismiss the case. The debtor has failed to confirm a plan within a reasonable time. The case has been pending for approximately 5.5 months, yet a plan has not been confirmed. This constitutes unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors. The court will dismiss the case.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss this chapter 13 case has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The court hereby dismisses this case.

44. <u>21-20791</u>-A-13 **IN RE: ELIZABETH ROHDE** ROH-1

OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CLAIM NUMBER 2-1 7-1-2021 [35]

YASHA RAHIMZADEH/ATTY. FOR DBT. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

45. <u>21-20892</u>-A-13 **IN RE: LEVI/MEGAN PHILLIPS** <u>DPC-2</u>

MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 7-20-2021 [30]

LUCAS GARCIA/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Motion: Dismiss Case Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required Disposition: Granted Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

DELINQUENCY

The chapter 13 trustee moves to dismiss this chapter 13 case for a delinquency in payments under the debtor's proposed chapter 13 plan. For the reasons stated in the motion, cause exists under 1307(c)(1), (c)(4) and § 1326(a)(1)(A) to dismiss the case.

Payments under the proposed plan are delinquent in the amount of \$450.00.

FAILURE TO PROSECUTE

The debtor has failed to confirm a plan within a reasonable time. The case has been pending for approximately 5 months, yet a plan has not been confirmed. This constitutes unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors. The court will dismiss the case.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The trustee's motion to dismiss this chapter 13 case has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent debtor for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted because of the delinquency under the proposed chapter 13 plan in this case. The court hereby dismisses this case.

46. <u>20-23693</u>-A-7 **IN RE: CARL CHILDS** <u>DPC-1</u>

CONTINUED MOTION TO DISMISS CASE 5-5-2021 [39]

MARY TERRANELLA/ATTY. FOR DBT. CASE CONVERTED TO CHAPTER 7 ON 7/19/2021

Final Ruling

This case having converted to a Chapter 7, ECF No. 66, the court will drop this motion from the calendar as moot.

47. $\frac{21-22824}{GEL-2}$ -A-13 IN RE: CHRISTOPHER WONG

FINAL HEARING RE: MOTION TO IMPOSE AUTOMATIC STAY O.S.T. 8-5-2021 [12]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.