

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: REVISED CHAPTER 13 MODEL PLAN

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2012-1

IT IS ORDERED that effective December 1, 2012, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana will adopt the attached Chapter 13 Model Plan (Exhibit A).

IT IS ORDERED that effective December 1, 2012, unless otherwise ordered by a judge of this court, counsel must use and follow the Chapter 13 Model Plan for all cases filed or converted to Chapter 13 in this district.

New Orleans, La., November 7, 2012.



Hon. Elizabeth W. Magner



Hon. Jerry A. Brown

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE:

CASE NO.
CHAPTER 13
Section __

Debtor's Counsel: _____

CHAPTER 13 PLAN

___ Original ___ (1st, 2nd,...) Amended Plan filed : _____ ___ (1st, 2nd,...) Modified Plan filed: _____

1. Payment and length of plan: The future earnings and other future income of Debtor is submitted to the supervision and control of Trustee. The Debtor shall pay \$_____ per month beginning one month after the petition date, such that the first payment will be due on the same day of the month as the day the petition was filed but for the month following the filing and continuing monthly thereafter for ___ months.

Other payments to Trustee: Debtor shall file both Federal and State Income tax returns timely. Debtor shall provide a copy of same to Trustee immediately after filing. All Federal and State Income Tax Refunds due for all years during this plan's effect are disposable income and will be turned over to Trustee as an additional distribution to creditors. Debtor is allowed to retain the Earned Income Credit (EIC) portion of any refund.

The nonexempt proceeds of any lawsuit or unliquidated claim held by Debtor as of the date of filing or accruing during the term of this plan must be turned over to Trustee and shall constitute an additional distribution to creditors.

The proceeds of any refinancing or the sale of nonexempt property owned by Debtor or acquired during the term of this plan must be turned over to Trustee for administration and after approval and order of the Court.

2. Disposable Income: Debtor is ___ above the means ___ below the means

Debtor's disposable income as reflected on Schedule B22C, after adjustment as set forth on the reconciliation report filed with this plan, is \$_____ per month. (If the plan proposes to pay less than the amounts set forth on Schedule B22C as adjusted, please file a statement of explanation as to why.)

Debtor alleges that present disposable income as reflected on Schedule J is \$_____ (after adjustment for any expenses payable through Trustee or for surrendered property). Disposable income includes contributions of \$_____ per month from _____.

3. Liquidation analysis: The present value of property available to pay nonpriority, unsecured creditor interests should a liquidation be ordered is \$_____. (Attach completed liquidation analysis). The future value of this sum over the life of the plan is \$_____ assuming an interest rate of ___%

4. From the payments received under the plan Trustee shall make disbursements as follows:

a. Payment of administrative expenses until satisfied in full:

- (1) Filing Fee (unpaid portion): \$_____
- (2) Trustee's fee: % (paid as accrued)
- (3) Attorney's Fee (unpaid portion) \$_____

Attorney's fees within the guidelines of this Court's General Orders will be deemed approved by the Court unless Objection is filed at the time of confirmation. Any additional fees claimed are subject to application and approval of the Court.

- (4) Adequate protection payments of _____

b. Secured Claims shall be paid after the satisfaction of payments under paragraphs 4(a). Payments to claimants in classes 4(b) shall be paid as follows: (Please see General Provisions Secured Claimants)

(1) Secured claims which will not extend beyond the length of the plan. The entire balance of the following claims will be paid:

Names/Description of collateral	Secured Claim	Monthly payment Dates of payment	Int. rate	Total Payments
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(2) Secured claims which will extend beyond the length of the plan:

(a) Installment payments maturing postpetition on the following claims will be paid to the claimant directly. As a result, no payments on maturing postpetition installments will be made from funds payable to Trustee. The claimant's allowed security interest and claim for amounts maturing postpetition, may be affected by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, any order of this court and the General Provisions of this plan.

Names/Description of collateral	Monthly payment
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(b) Defaults to be Cured on Claims Secured by Property of the Estate:

The following amounts will be paid to fully cure any defaults existing on the petition date on the claims listed below. On completion of the plan, any amount in addition to that set forth below and owed to cure the prepetition default of Debtor will be discharged and the Debtor will be released from any further obligation *in personam* or *in rem* with regard to the amounts necessary to cure. The amounts to cure will be secured by the collateral described below during the term of this plan. On completion of the plan, the following claims shall be deemed in good standing and current as of the petition date. The security interest of the claimant shall survive discharge but only to secure those amounts maturing after the petition date. The amounts owed and secured in favor of the claimant postpetition may be affected by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, any order of the court, and the General Provisions of this plan.

Name/Description of collateral	Allowed Amt	Dates of payment	Int. rate	Total Payments
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c Priority Claims under 11 U.S.C. §507. Payments to priority claimants will be made after payments to administrative claimants, paragraph 4(a) above and Secured claimants under paragraph 4(b), unless otherwise indicated:

Name	Amount of Claim	Monthly payment	Months of Payment	Int Rate	Total Payments
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d. Unsecured Claims. No amounts will be paid on unsecured claims until plan payments under paragraphs 4(a)-(c) are satisfied. After payments to claimants in class 4(a)-4(c) have been satisfied, any additional monies available for distribution shall be paid, *pro rata* based on the individual claim included in class 4(d) divided by the total amounts owed to class 4(d). At the time of confirmation, it is estimated that claimants in this class will receive distributions equal to \$_____ or ___% of their allowed claims. Actual distributions may vary depending on changes in Debtor's disposable income over the life of the plan, the amount of allowed unsecured nonpriority claims, the amount and ranking of secured, priority and administrative claims. However, general nonpriority unsecured claims shall be paid no less than \$_____ in aggregate over the life of the plan.

5. All payments to Trustee are to be made directly by _____ Debtor _____ Wage order
 Payments to _____ (secured or priority creditor(s)) shall be made by _____ Wage deduction _____ Debtor _____ bank draft _____ other

6. All executory contracts are rejected except the following which are assumed:

Name	Description of Contract
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7. Property to be surrendered:

Property description	Creditor
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8. Other:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

As used, the term “Debtor” shall include both Debtors in a joint case.

The effective date of this plan shall be the date of entry of the Order of Confirmation; modifications to the plan shall become effective upon entry of an order approving same.

The Order of Confirmation, or any subsequent order of the Court supercedes any provision of the plan which is in conflict.

All plan payments by Debtor shall be payable to S.J. Beaulieu, Jr., Chapter 13 Trustee, or his successor in interest (“Trustee”), and must include Debtor’s name and case number. They must be mailed to S. J. Beaulieu, Jr., Chapter 13 Trustee, at the address designated by him or his successor in interest and as published on the Trustee’s website.

Except as otherwise provided by the plan or order of the Court, Trustee shall only make payments to allowed claimants.

Creditors who have co-signers, co-makers, or guarantors (“Co-Obligors”) and for whom this plan provides full payment of the amounts contractually due are enjoined from collection under 11 U.S.C. §1301, and upon completion of the plan shall constitute full payment of the debt as to Debtor and any Co-Obligors.

All scheduled property of the estate existing at confirmation shall vest in and be retained by Debtor. Unscheduled property or property acquired after confirmation shall remain vested in the estate. Upon the disposition of any rights in property of the estate belonging to Debtor on the petition date or acquired thereafter, the proceeds or benefits received shall be:

- a. Retained by Debtor if from the disposition of exempt property; or
- b. If not exempt, remitted to Trustee to be administered in accord with the plan or further order of the Court.

On completion of the plan, all prepetition claims provided for by the plan or disallowed under 11 U.S.C. §502 shall be discharged except as provided by 11 U.S.C. §1328 or the plan.

Confirmation of the plan does not constitute a waiver or admission by Debtor or any party in interest regarding the validity or amount of any claim provided for by the plan. Debtor and Trustee specifically reserve the right to object to any claim, whether or not said claim was filed at the time of confirmation or after confirmation.

Secured Claimants

Allowed secured creditors shall retain their mortgage, lien or security interest in collateral until completion of the payments due under the plan. To the extent the plan provides for the cure of prepetition defaults on a secured claim but provides that the unmatured prepetition amounts owed shall be payable beyond the term of the plan, the secured claimant shall retain its lien to secure the repayment of the prepetition default as provided by the plan. On completion of the plan’s terms, the prepetition default shall be deemed cured, the loan will be current, and all claims to cure shall be released both *in personam* and *in rem*. Except as provided by the plan, the allowed secured claim shall be reduced to the unmatured portion of debt that extends beyond the discharge date and the claimant’s lien shall be retained to secure only that obligation unless otherwise modified by court order or Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002.1. Claimants holding claims payable under 4(b)(2)(b) shall release and cancel from the public records any lien, writ, notice of seizure or encumbrance over property of Debtor or estate which was created by virtue of an action to collect the claim.

For an allowed secured claim payment of which does not extend beyond the plan completion date (payable entirely through the plan), upon payment of the allowed secured claim, the security interest over Debtor’s property shall be cancelled. Upon completion of the plan, claimants holding claims payable under 4(b)(1) shall release and cancel from the public records any lien, writ, notice of seizure or encumbrance over property of Debtor or estate which secures or was created by virtue of an action to collect the claim.

Debtor may modify the interest rate or other terms of repayment on a secured claim without separate objection and

through the provisions of this plan. However, Debtor may not reduce the secured amount claimed or challenge the secured status of the claimant except by separate objection to the claim. Confirmation of the plan does not constitute a waiver or admission by Debtor or any party in interest regarding the validity or amount of any claim provided for by the plan. Debtor specifically reserves in his favor and that of Trustee the right to object to any claim, whether or not said claim was filed at the time of confirmation or after confirmation.

To the extent that this plan proposes to surrender property to a claimant with a security interest in same, upon confirmation of the plan, Debtor will notify the secured claimant (at the address specified on its proof of claim) of the location of the collateral and take steps reasonably necessary to assist the secured claimant in its collection. Upon confirmation, Debtor shall immediately discontinue use of the collateral. Debtor shall continue to insure all surrendered collateral until the earlier of 30 days following confirmation or the taking of possession by creditor or its agent. Debtor shall not be responsible for any damages or depreciation in value to the collateral except to the extent caused by Debtor's use post-confirmation, fault or gross negligence. Upon confirmation, the stay imposed by 11 U.S.C. §362 shall be lifted as to all surrendered property so as to permit creditors holding security interests in same to pursue rights in the property. Unless otherwise provided in the plan, a surrender shall entitle the secured claimant to file an unsecured deficiency claim if due. If a deficiency claim is allowed, distributions will be payable to the claimant on a *pro rata* basis with other claimants in its class from the date of the filing of the deficiency claim only. Deficiency claimants will not be entitled to equalizing distributions based on prior payments made to the class.

Unless ordered otherwise, Trustee shall cease making disbursements to any secured claimant on its secured claim after an order lifting the stay imposed by 11 U.S.C. §362(a) is entered or a plan that surrenders the collateral to the secured claimant is approved.

During the term of the plan, secured creditors may continue to send Debtor notices, statements or other written information on the status of direct, monthly post-confirmation payments. However, demand letters are not permitted nor may secured claimants invoice or provide informational statements as to accrued, but unapproved, charges allegedly due, except under the procedures outlined in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or Local Rules of the Court.

If a secured claimant proposes under the terms of its note or security instrument to change the amount of any direct payments made by Debtor, the claimant shall give written notice of the change to Debtor, Debtor's counsel and Trustee along with appropriate documentation explaining the reason for the adjustment in accordance with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. To the extent the secured creditor claims a right to receive any postpetition charges or fees under the terms of its contract with Debtor, it must comply with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure regarding same or they will be discharged on completion of the case and Debtor shall be released both *in rem* and *in personam* from the claim.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all payments received by the secured creditor from Trustee shall be applied to reduce the amounts reflected on the creditor's proof of claim for sums due and payable prepetition. All amounts paid directly by Debtor to the secured creditor will be applied to outstanding interest accrued since the filing date, Debtor's escrow account or principal. In the event a secured creditor believes it is entitled to additional postpetition charges or fees, it must seek approval for same in accordance with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure prior to imposing any charge or fee against Debtor's account.

Plan Reconciliation With Form B22C

Monthly disposable income reflected on B22C (line 59): \$ _____ *

Add:

Deductions for future debt payments payable through the plan (line 47): \$ _____

Deductions for other secured claims payable through the plan (line 48): \$ _____

Payments on prepetition priority claims (line 49): \$ _____

Chapter 13 administrative expenses (line 50): \$ _____

Total adjusted monthly disposable income: \$ _____

Disposable Income as reflected on Schedule I & J \$ _____

(Add expenses payable by Trustee or on claims subject to surrender or sale)

Monthly Projected Disposable Income provided by Plan \$ _____

*Debtor avers that monthly disposable income as calculated on B22C should be adjusted to reflect the following: