

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN THE MATTER OF

DECLARATIONS TO SUPPORT  
MOTION TO IMPOSE AND EXTEND  
AUTOMATIC STAY

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GENERAL ORDER 2020-5

**GENERAL ORDER TEMPORARILY ALLOWING DECLARATIONS UNDER  
PENALTY OF PERJURY TO SUPPORT MOTIONS TO IMPOSE AND EXTEND  
AUTOMATIC STAY**

Effective immediately and until further Order of this Court, in conjunction with General Order 2020-2, as amended, and General Order 2020-4, and in light of the directives from federal and state authorities as well as guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials regarding social-distancing in response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID 19:

**IT IS ORDERED** that a debtor seeking extension or imposition of the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(c)(3) or (4) shall file as an attachment to the motion a declaration under penalty of perjury asserting facts showing “that the filing of the current bankruptcy case is in good faith as to the creditors to be stayed” pursuant to §§ 362(c)(3)(B) and 362(c)(4)(B);

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a party in interest opposing a motion for extension or imposition of the automatic stay shall file a response to the motion by the date prescribed by Local Rules or the Order setting a hearing on the motion. The opponent shall set forth the reasons the motion should not be granted and include all proposed conditions or limitations to the relief sought should the Court extend or impose the automatic stay; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court may grant the motion without conducting a hearing in the absence of a timely response if the debtor has filed a satisfactory declaration in support of the motion.

DATED: April 8, 2020.

FOR THE COURT:



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MEREDITH S. GRABILL  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE