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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

IN RE: :
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Administration of Chapter 13 Cases : ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Filed Before Enrique S. Lamoutte, : NO. 02-2002
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge :
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This order supplements the Administrative Order dated April 24, 2001 on the captioned subject. This court continuously monitors and evaluates procedures to improve their effectiveness and efficiency. One area which is causing delay in the expedient resolution of Chapter 13 cases is the timely submission of documents to be considered at the confirmation hearing.

Administrative Order No. 01-2001 provides in paragraph four (4) that “[i]f the plan is not filed with the petition the debtor or debtor’s attorney shall serve copy of the Chapter 13 plan on all creditors at least 20 days before the date first set for the confirmation hearing. A proof of service shall be filed with the court and served on the Chapter 13 Trustee at least 15 days prior to the confirmation hearing date.” Paragraph 9(g) of said order states that “[i]t is the responsibility of the debtor to insure that the plan being favorably recommended by the trustee has been timely filed and docketed by the Clerk.” Paragraph 10(a,b) sets the period of 15 days before the confirmation hearing to file objections to plans timely filed and served. The requirements of the timely filing of documents are hereby emphasized.

In view of the above, the court hereby

ORDERS that only those documents filed on or before Wednesday of the week prior to the date of the confirmation hearing will be considered at the hearing; and it is further

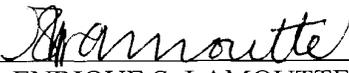
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ORDERED that any deviations from the above shall be for cause and justified in writing, including, but not limited to, a statement that the late submission has not been caused by lack of due diligence; and it is further

ORDERED that failure to comply with the above may result in: (1) refusal to consider the document submitted late; (2) denial of confirmation; (3) reduction in the attorney's fees; and/or (4) any combination thereof.

SO ORDERED.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, this th 5 day of March 2002.


ENRIQUE S. LAMOUTTE
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge