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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re
PLAN OF OPERATION IN ABSENCE OF
APPROPRIATION

GENERAL ORDER 36

The Court adopts the following plan for operating in the absence of an appropriation or continuing resolution. Essential bankruptcy activities will continue. The activities set forth in this plan, and the employees who perform them, are essential.

Essential work includes:

- (1) Activities necessary to support the exercise of judicial power, i.e., the resolution of cases in which there is a constitutional or statutory grant of jurisdiction;
- (2) Emergency activities necessary for the safety of human life and the protection of property; and
- (3) Activities otherwise authorized by law, either expressly or by necessary implication, including
 - (a) Items guaranteed by the Constitution;
 - (b) Activities funded with no-year appropriations;

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- (c) Entitlement programs; and
- (d) Minimal activities needed for an orderly shutdown of other official functions.

The Court will continue to hear and decide cases, process bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings, and issue and enforce judgments. Judges will continue to work full-time. Each judge's chambers staff, i.e. law clerks and judicial assistants, are essential to the resolution of cases. Clerk's office staff is already at the minimum staffing level necessary to the resolution of cases. Accordingly, all Clerk's office employees are essential. Essential employees must report to their assigned duty stations. Travel that is not necessary for case resolution will not be undertaken, unless approved by the Chief Judge. This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 14, 2019



Charles Novack
Chief Bankruptcy Judge