UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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| AUDIO-ONLY REMOTE PUBLIC |) | GENERAL ORDER 24-0001 |
| ACCESS TO BANKRUPTCY |) | |
| PROCEEDINGS |) | |

ORDER

On November 14, 2023, the Judicial Council of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the United States adopted an amendment to its October 15, 1996, resolution allowing <u>Audio-Only Remote Public Access to Civil and Bankruptcy Proceedings</u>. In pertinent part, the Policy provides that a "judge presiding over a civil or bankruptcy non-trial proceeding may, in the judge's discretion, authorize live remote public audio access to any portion of that proceeding in which a witness is not testifying."

Effective **immediately**, audio-only remote public access will be restricted, per the Policy, to parties, counsel of record, and witnesses in all matters set for trial or in which testimony shall be presented. In the event of testimony in any other non-trial matter, including those in which testimony was not expected or for which a Court notice contemplated public access, audio-only remote access shall terminate for members of the public prior to presentation of testimony, with continued remote access permitted only for parties, counsel of record, and witnesses. It remains within each judge's discretion whether to allow for audio-only remote public access for non-trial hearings in which testimony shall not be presented. Additional guidelines specific to each judge are found within their respective Judges' Info section of the Court's website. A knowing and intentional violation of the Policy may result in the Court's entry of an order of contempt or other appropriate sanction.

Notwithstanding the Policy, members of the public, including the press, may observe any bankruptcy hearing in person before any bankruptcy judge presiding within the Southern District of Indiana.

April 8, 2024

Jeffrey J. Graham, Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court