

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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In re:

EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND STAYS
OF BANKRUPTCY MATTERS DUE
TO LAPSE IN FEDERAL FUNDING
AND GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Administrative Order
No. 25-003

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING CONTINUANCES,
EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND STAYS OF ADVERSARY
PROCEEDINGS DUE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

Congress failed to pass an appropriations bill or continuing resolution by midnight on September 30, 2025. For that reason, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2025, funding for numerous Departments and several independent agencies of the United States of America expired. Appropriations to the Department of Justice and other federal departments and agencies has lapsed.

Absent an appropriations bill or continuing resolution, employees of numerous departments and several agencies of the United States who have matters before the Court may be prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis. Among others, the Department of Justice and its attorneys and employees may be prohibited from working, even on a

voluntary basis, due to the federal government shutdown, except in very limited circumstances, including “emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” 31 U.S.C. § 1342. This includes attorneys and other employees of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Florida.

As of this date, it is unknown whether or when Congress may pass an appropriations bill or continuing resolution that would restore funding. Given these circumstances, the Court deems it appropriate to enter this Administrative Order.

For the reasons stated, it is **ORDERED**:

1. Hearings in cases and adversary proceedings involving any claim, lien, or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies, scheduled on or after noon, Eastern Time, on October 1, 2025, and continuing through October 31, 2025, or the conclusion of the week in which the government shutdown ceases, whichever comes first, will be continued (by docket entry only) to the next available regular hearing calendar after October 31, 2025, or such other time and date as the Court may deem appropriate.

2. In all cases and adversary proceedings, the time within which any federal agency affected by the federal government shutdown must take record action is extended through October 31, 2025, or fourteen (14) days after the shutdown ceases, whichever is first to occur.
3. Adversary proceedings to which the United States, including its agencies, is a party are stayed until October 31, 2025, or fourteen (14) days after such time that Congress has restored appropriations, whichever is first to occur.
4. The Clerk is authorized and directed to docket continuances and take any other actions that may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Order, including filing a copy of or link to this Order in all pending matters.
5. Non-governmental parties may request relief from this Order by filing a motion and properly serving it on the appropriate affected federal government agency; provided, that relief may be granted only upon good cause shown and in very limited circumstances involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

6. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida will continue to operate during any government shutdown caused by a lapse in appropriations, albeit after October 17, 2025, likely with reduced staffing. Subject to the extensions and stays set forth in this Order, the Court will continue activities necessary to the exercise of the judiciary's functions, including accepting and docketing new cases and adversary proceedings; properly processing motions, orders, emergency motions and applications, and other court filings; collecting, receipting, and depositing filing fees; and issuing rulings in cases pending before the Court.
7. The Office of the United States Attorney will notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department.

DONE and ORDERED on October 1, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Specie', written over a horizontal line.

KAREN K. SPECIE
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge