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ORDER ON PAYMENT OF NOTICE COSTS  
IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

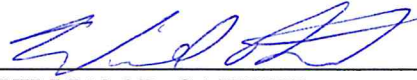
The standing trustee for chapter 13 cases in this district currently accomplishes service by mail of certain orders of this Court. Traditionally, service of these orders was a function of the Clerk of Court, but in some instances the Court finds it more economical for the trustee to serve orders. Heretofore, the costs associated with service by mail of these orders and notices were borne by the trustee directly from the percentage allowance provided in 11 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(2).

In response to various inquiries concerning this subject, the Administrative Office of the United States Court has opined that costs associated with service by mail of orders and notices for which service was traditionally a function of the Clerk of Court may be reimbursed to the trustee. Hence, the trustee may be reimbursed for these expenses directly from the debtors' trust funds and not consider these costs as expenses to be borne by § 1326(b)(2) derived funds.

Wherefore, it is ORDERED that the trustee may be reimbursed from the debtors' trust funds for costs associated with service by mail of orders and notices which were traditionally served by the Clerk of Court. Said orders and notices include (1) the income withholding order and (2) any other order or notice entered or required by the Court for which service was traditionally accomplished by the Clerk of Court.

It is further ORDERED that trustee's costs are to be reimbursed from the debtors' trust funds at the rate of \$.50 per page, plus the cost of postage per order or notice mailed. The trustee shall keep records for each case supporting the reimbursed funds.

DONE this 13 day of ~~September~~ <sup>NOVEMBER</sup>, 2019.



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WILLIAM R. SAWYER  
CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



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BESS M. PARRISH CRESWELL  
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE