

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In the Matter of:

**INCREASE IN MINIMUM INITIAL PAYMENT
TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR
PERMISSION TO PAY FILING FEE
IN INSTALLMENTS**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
AMENDS & SUPERSEDES ORDER #471

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WHEREAS, Bankruptcy Rule 1006(b)(1) directs that a voluntary petition by an individual shall be accepted for filing if accompanied by the debtor's signed application stating that the debtor is unable to pay the filing fee except in installments, and the court having established, by administrative order dated October 24, 2002, that any such application must be accompanied by a minimum initial payment of \$25.00, and

WHEREAS, the court having determined that, in the interest of judicial efficiency and economy, an increase in the minimum initial payment is appropriate, it is

ORDERED, that effective November 1, 2003, any application to pay the filing fee in installments pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1006(b)(1) shall be accompanied by a minimum initial payment of \$40.00. The number of additional installments shall not exceed three (3), and the final installment shall be payable not later than 120 days after filing of the petition. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 1006(b)(2), for cause shown, the court may extend the time of any installment, provided the last installment is paid not later than 180 days after filing of the petition.

The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to reject the filing of any voluntary petition accompanied by an application to pay the filing fee in installments, unless such filing is accompanied by a minimum initial payment of \$40.00.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
October 7, 2003

S/_____
Conrad B. Duberstein
Chief Bankruptcy Judge