UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

ORDER VACATINGADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 691, TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF "WET" SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR *PRO SE* PARTIES

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Administrative Order No. 766

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 5005(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and in light of the exigent circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, on Aril 15, 2020, this Court issued Administrative Order 691 which permitted pro se parties to file documents with the Court by emailing such documents to the Court's dedicated email box and temporarily dispensing with the usual requirement that they provide an original "wet" signature; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Conference of the United States determined that the emergency conditions existing with respect to COVID-19 no longer materially affected the functioning of the federal courts, effective as of May 24, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that Administrative Order No. 691 is no longer necessary and is vacated; and it is further

ORDERED, that, pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 5005(a) and 9011(a) and EDNY Local Bankruptcy Rule 9011, Unrepresented Individuals (pro se parties) are not authorized to file original petitions via the Court's dedicated email box; any original petition must be filed in person at either courthouse location at the Clerk's office, or via the physical drop box located at each courthouse location, or may be delivered via mail or other means of delivery authorized by law; Unrepresented Individuals (pro se parties) may continue to file original petitions using the Court's eSR program (<u>https://www.nyeb.uscourts.gov/esr-electronic-self-representation</u>).

Dated: Central Islip, New York February 29, 2024

> <u>S/ Alan S. Trust</u> ALAN S. TRUST, Chief Bankruptcy Judge