



Signed: March 25, 2020

*Rebecca B. Connelly*  
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Rebecca B. Connelly  
United States Bankruptcy Chief Judge

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

IN RE: )  
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**ELECTRONIC FILING BY PRO SE PARTIES** ) Standing Order No. 20-4  
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**ORDER TEMPORARILY ALLOWING PRO SE PARTIES TO  
ELECTRONICALLY FILE PAPERS WITH THE COURT**

This order is issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia. On March 11, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that individuals should engage in “social distancing” to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, there are individuals who may be in isolation because they are sick or have been exposed to someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19. Accordingly to reduce the need for personal contact, there is good cause to temporarily and conditionally suspend the prohibition against pro se individuals (those individuals who are not represented by an attorney) filing pleadings or papers electronically with the Court.

Accordingly it is hereby **ORDERED** that, effective upon the date of this Order and until further notice, the Court suspends the prohibition against pro se individuals (those individuals who are not represented by an attorney) filing pleadings or papers electronically with the Court.

**\*\*End of Order\*\***