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STANDING ORDER DESIGNATING PRESUMPTIVE 11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(5)(B) INTEREST RATE

The United States Supreme Court has held that the "prime-plus method" is the proper method to determine the interest rate to be applied to a secured creditor's claim paid under the "cram down" option of 11 U.S.C. § 1325(a)(5)(B). *Till v. SCS Credit Corp.*, 541 U.S. 465, 124 S.Ct. 1951, 158 L.Ed.2d 787 (2004). The prime-plus method (commonly known as the "*Till* rate") begins with the national prime rate, which is then adjusted upward depending on certain risk factors. *Id.* Both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit have observed that the risk enhancement is typically 1% to 3%. *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Texas Grand Prairie Hotel Realty, L.L.C.* (*In re Texas Grand Prairie Hotel Realty, L.L.C.*), 710 F.3d 324, 332 (5th Cir. 2013) (citing *Till*, 541 U.S. at 480). As the prime rate of interest is currently 8.5% per annum, an adjustment to the local *Till* rate is warranted.

Accordingly, for all chapter 13 cases <u>filed</u> on or after January 1, 2024, the presumptive *Till* rate shall be 10.0%. The presumptive rate will be periodically reviewed and adjusted depending on fluctuations in the prime interest rate.

This Order amends and supersedes all previous standing orders and memoranda setting a presumptive *Till* rate in chapter 13 cases.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of November, 2023.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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