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BANKRUPTCY MEETINGS IN LOUISIANA AND SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI ARE RESCHEDULED AND RELOCATED; COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS FOR DEBTORS AND ATTORNEYS ARE ESTABLISHED

BATON ROUGE, LA.—Due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, Section 341 meetings of creditors for bankruptcy cases filed in Louisiana and the Southern District of Mississippi have been rescheduled. Section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code requires each bankruptcy debtor to attend a mandatory meeting of creditors within 20 to 60 days after the bankruptcy filing date.

- Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 meetings for cases filed in New Orleans will be held in the federal building in Baton Rouge at 707 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, La.
- Chapter 13 meetings for cases filed in New Orleans will be held at East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, La.
- All meetings for cases filed in Gulfport, Miss., and Hattiesburg, Miss., will be held in the federal building at 701 Main Street, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- All meetings for cases filed in Lake Charles, La., will be held in the federal building in Lake Charles.

Notices for all rescheduled meetings will be sent to the addresses on file with the bankruptcy clerks' offices. Debtors, creditors, and their attorneys should file a change of address with the bankruptcy clerk if they are no longer receiving mail sent to that address.

The Mississippi Bar and the Louisiana State Bar Association have message boards on their Web sites at <http://www.msbar.org> and <http://www.lsba.org/home1> to help displaced attorneys and clients contact each other. In addition, the federal courts in Louisiana have established a communication center for displaced attorneys at <http://www.laspecialmaster.com>, which can be used to locate attorneys and clients.

The U.S. Trustee will be flexible and provide alternative means for debtors to attend the mandatory meeting of creditors if, due to the adverse effects of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, the debtor cannot appear personally and testify under oath in the federal judicial district where the case is filed. Additional information will be posted on the Web site for Region 5 of the U.S. Trustee Program at <http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/r05>.

The New Orleans office of the U.S. Trustee is temporarily relocated to 3084 Westfork

Dr., Suite C, Baton Rouge, La. 70816; telephone numbers (225) 298-5585 thru 5589; fax number (225) 298-5590.

The U.S. Trustee Program is the component of the Justice Department that promotes integrity and efficiency in the nation's bankruptcy system by enforcing bankruptcy laws, providing oversight of private trustees, and maintaining operational excellence. The Program has 21 regions and 95 field offices. Region 5 is headquartered in New Orleans, with additional offices in Shreveport, La., and Jackson, Miss.

Contact: For questions about rescheduled Section 341 meetings, please contact the Office of the U.S. Trustee at (225) 298-5585.

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