

The document below is hereby signed.

Signed: October 1, 2014



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Martin Teel, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

S. Martin Teel, Jr.
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In re)	
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BARBARA ANN MINOR,)	Case No. 14-00574
)	(Chapter 13)
Debtor.)	Not for Publication in
)	West's Bankruptcy Reporter

MEMORANDUM DECISION AND ORDER DIRECTING DEBTOR
TO SUPPLEMENT HER REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER
OF THE PREPETITION CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

On exhibit D to the voluntary petition (Dkt. No. 3), the debtor requested a temporary waiver of the prepetition credit counseling requirement based upon exigent circumstances but failed to provide any information as to such exigent circumstances.

Section 109(h) of 11 U.S.C. provides that all individuals filing for bankruptcy must obtain an individual or group briefing that outlines the opportunities for available credit counseling and assists the individual in performing a related budget analysis from an approved non-profit budget and credit counseling agency during the 180-day period preceding the date of the filing of the individual's petition. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(1).

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(3)(A), the court can waive this requirement temporarily if (i) the debtor certifies that there are exigent circumstances that merit a waiver of the credit counseling requirement, (ii) the debtor certifies that she requested credit counseling services from an approved non-profit budget and credit counseling agency before she filed her petition, but was unable to obtain the necessary services within seven days of the request, and (iii) the court finds good cause to grant the waiver. This exemption applies only for the first thirty days following the filing of the debtor's petition, and the court may grant a fifteen day extension of the exemption for cause. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(3)(B).

Although the debtor checked box no. 3 on Exhibit D, which requests a waiver based on exigent circumstances, the debtor is silent as to what those circumstances are. Without more information, the court is unable to evaluate whether the debtor was, in fact, faced with exigent circumstances that merit a temporary waiver of the prepetition credit counseling requirement.

Furthermore, even if the debtor had adequately described the exigent circumstances that necessitated the prompt filing of the petition, the debtor has failed to provide any information regarding the debtor's prepetition request or requests to obtain credit counseling and why she was unable to obtain the counseling

