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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GENERAL ORDER

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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DEPUTY

ORDER LIFTING STAY
IN CIVIL MATTERS INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES AS A PARTY

IT APPEARING THAT, as a result of the partial federal government shutdown, this Court issued an Amended General Order on January 17, 2019, suspending as of December 26, 2018, all civil litigation in which the United States of America or any of its agencies, officers, or employees was a party, with the stated intention of clarifying schedules in such cases upon the expiration of a lapse in appropriations; and

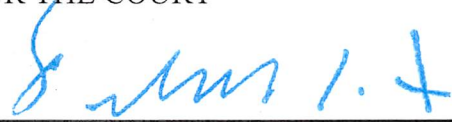
IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT appropriations having been restored to fund the Department of Justice and other Executive Branch agencies, with employees beginning to report for work beginning on January 28, 2019; accordingly:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the stay entered by Amended General Order dated January 17, 2019, is hereby LIFTED. As to any deadline in affected civil litigation (whether established by order, rule, or agreement), including but not limited to any scheduled discovery and pleading dates, the Court finds that there is good cause for the extension of the deadline under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4). Thus, any deadline that expired or will expire between December 26, 2018 and February 15, 2019 is EXTENDED and will expire on March 8, 2019 unless the Court orders otherwise in a specific case. Further modification of any deadline in any case is left to the discretion of the presiding judge. Trial dates in the affected cases will stand, although they may need to be adjusted in individual cases to account for the extension of other dates. Nothing in this General Order prevents any party from filing a motion to amend or further extend deadlines in a case affected by the stay.

The court shall distribute this General Order:

- (a) by electronic service to all registered CM/ECF users;
- (b) by first-class mail to unregistered civil litigants, including *pro se* litigants, and to attorney's pending *pro hac vice* admission; and
- (c) by posting the General Order on the Court's public website.

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT



Chief District Judge
Orlando Garcia

Dated at San Antonio, Texas, this 31 day of January, 2019.