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ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY PROOF OF SERVICE: In all cases where a party in interest is served electronically, no proof of service is required to be submitted as to those parties so served by the party submitting the pleading, document or filing with the court. If a party in interest has requested and is to be provided written mailed notice as provided by local rule, a proof of service must be filed certifying service of the written notice by mail on such party unless the court serves that party.

PARTY IN INTEREST DEFINED: After expiration of the time for opting to receive notice, a party in interest in a bankruptcy case is defined as a party who opts to receive further notices in accordance with the rule.

LATE OPT IN: Any party may opt in to receive notices at any time but waives the right to receive the notices of case activity prior to the opt in.

DUE PROCESS GUARANTEE: Nothing in this rule prevents a party from showing good cause, such as the failure to be included on the initial mailing matrix or list of creditors, from objecting, challenging or moving for setting aside orders, schedules, deadlines or otherwise if such party has not received fair notice and opportunity.

the following as local rules or administrative orders in this district (notes from official minutes of the Annual Meeting):

a. EDMI Rule – BR Petition Preparers limited to \$100 in fees absent application. Would DBWM be willing to support a suggestion for a similar WDMI Local Rule? The vast majority of members supported this proposition.

b. Setting a Standard for Production of Documents . to standardize the list of documents that debtors must produce to the trustee without a special request. Some opposition, but the vast majority of members supported this proposition.

c. Would DBWM be willing to support a suggestion for a WDMI Local Rule to provide for opting in by parties of interest for receipt of electronic notices rather than post petition mail notices of action on cases and also to eliminate the need to file a proof of service for notices and action served electronically? All but 1 member supported this proposition.

d. To limit the time trustees have to liquidate assets that the debtors claim as exempt or at least provide notice to debtors of any objection or reservation of the right to liquidate an asset claimed as exempt either by full FMV or 100% or so forth. The vast majority of members supported this proposition.

PROPOSED RULE REGARDING REDUCTION OF UNNECESSARY POST PETITION MAIL:

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Respectfully submitted,

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