

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE:)
CONTINUATION OF COURT OPERATIONS) General Order No. 23-17
DURING A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS)

GENERAL ORDER

In the event appropriate funding for the operation of the United States Courts is not made available by the United States Congress and the President, this Order shall become effective unless, and until, a continuing resolution or other funding measure is passed by Congress and signed into law by the President.

The dispensing of justice being an essential part of our functioning federal system, all activities of the court are essential to maintain and support the exercise of the judicial powers of the United States. As such, all functions shall and will continue.

The court will follow the shutdown plan adopted by the Chief Judge and unless otherwise directed by either the Clerk of Court or the Chief Judge, all employees of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma are deemed excepted and essential. The Clerk of Court shall maintain the right to modify which employees are deemed excepted in a manner consistent with the court's shutdown plan, the *Guide to Judiciary Policy* and the Antideficiency Act.

Everyone with business before the court shall be prepared to abide by existing schedules, deadlines, and court orders, unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge. If government attorneys are unable to work due to a shutdown, the court will entertain requests to continue cases and deadlines for those attorneys until such time as the shutdown has ceased.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 15th day of November, 2023.



Ronald A. White
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE