

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

**IN RE:
CONTINUATION OF COURT
OPERATIONS DURING A
LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS**

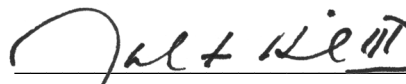
GENERAL ORDER 25-13

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 until a continuing resolution or other such 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. Federal courts are constitutionally and statutorily required to exercise judicial power regardless of the status of appropriations. As such, all court functions shall and will continue. The court will follow the shutdown plan adopted by the Chief Judge. The Clerk of Court and Chief Probation Officer 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 17th day of October, 2025.



JOHN F. HEIL, III
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE