PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE¹

- Rule 3002.1. Chapter 13—Claim Secured by a Security
- 2 Interest in the Debtor's Principal Residence
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL. This rule applies in a chapter
- 4 <u>Chapter</u> 13 case to a claim that is secured by a security
- 5 interest in the debtor's principal residence and for which the
- 6 plan requires provides for the trustee or debtor to make
- 7 contractual payments. Unless the court orders otherwise, the
- 8 requirements of this rule cease when an order terminating or
- 9 annulling the automatic stay related to that residence
- 10 becomes effective.
- 11 (b) NOTICE OF A PAYMENT CHANGE;
- 12 EFFECT OF AN UNTIMELY NOTICE; HOME-EQUITY
- 13 LINE OF CREDIT; <u>EFFECT OF AN UNTIMELY</u>
- 14 NOTICE; OBJECTION.

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15	(1) Notice by the Claim Holder. The
16	claim holder shallmust file a notice of any change in
17	the payment amount—including any change
18	resulting from an interest-rate or escrow-account
19	adjustment. Except as provided in (b)(2), At at least
20	21 days before the new payment is due, the notice
21	must be filed and served on:
22	• the debtor;
23	• the debtor's attorney; and
24	• the trustee.
25	(2) Effect of an Untimely Notice. If the
26	claim holder does not timely file and serve the notice
27	required by (b)(1), the effective date of the new
28	payment is as follows:
29	(A) when the notice concerns a
30	payment increase, on the first payment due
31	date that is at least 21 days after the untimely
32	notice was filed and served, or

33	(B) when the notice concerns a
34	payment decrease, on the date stated in the
35	untimely notice.
36	(3) Notice of a Change in a Home-Equity
37	Line of Credit.
38	(A) Deadline. If the claim arises
39	from a home-equity line of credit, the notice
40	of a payment change shall must be filed and
41	served either as provided in (b)(1) or within
42	one year after the bankruptcy petition was
43	filed and then at least annually.
44	(B) Contents of the Annual
45	<i>Notice</i> . The annual notice shallmust:
46	(1) state the payment
47	amount due for the month when the
48	notice is filed; and
49	(2) include a
50	reconciliation amount to account for

31	any overpayment or underpayment
52	during the prior year.
53	(C) Amount of the Next Payment.
54	The first payment due after the effective date
55	of the annual notice shall be increased or
56	decreased by the reconciliation amount at
57	least 21 days after the annual notice is filed
58	and served must be increased or decreased by
59	the reconciliation amount.
60	(D) Effective Date. The new
61	payment amount stated in the annual notice
62	(disregarding the reconciliation amount)
63	shall will be effective on the first payment
64	due date that is at least 21 days after the
65	annual notice is filed and served after the
66	payment under (C) is made and shallwill
67	remain effective until a new notice becomes
68	effective.

69	(E) Payment Changes Greater
70	Than \$10. If the claim holder opts to give
71	annual notices under (b)(2) and the monthly
72	payment increases or decreases by more than
73	\$10 in any month, the claim holder shallmust
74	file and serve (in addition to the annual
75	notice) a notice under (b)(1) for that month.
76	(3) Effect of an Untimely Notice. If the claim
77	holder does not timely file and serve the notice
78	required by (b)(1) or (b)(2), the effective date of the
79	new payment is as follows:
80	(A) when the notice concerns a
81	payment increase, on the first payment due
82	date that is at least 21 days after the untimely
83	notice was filed and served, or
84	(B) when the notice concerns a
85	payment decrease, on the first payment due
86	date that is after the date of the notice.

Tab 4A – Attachment 1 (Rule 3002.1 showing changes from publication)

87	(4) Party in Interest's Objection. A party
88	in interest who objects to a payment change noticed
89	under (b)(1) or (b)(2) may file and serve a motion to
90	determine whether the validity of the payment
91	change is required to maintain payments under
92	§ 1322(b)(5) of the Code. Unless the court orders
93	otherwise, if no motion is filed before the day the
94	new payment is due, the change goes into effect
95	immediatelyon that date.
96	(c) FEES, EXPENSES, AND CHARGES
97	INCURRED AFTER THE CASE WAS FILED; NOTICE
98	BY THE CLAIM HOLDER. The claim holder shallmust
99	file a notice itemizing all fees, expenses, and charges that the
100	claim holder has incurred or imposed after the case was filed
101	that the claim holder asserts are recoverable against the
102	debtor or the debtor's principal residence. Within 180 days
103	after the fees, expenses, or charges are incurred or imposed,
104	the notice shall must be filed and served on: the debtor; the

105	debtor's attorney; and the trustee. the individuals listed in
106	<u>(b)(1).</u>
107	(d) FILING NOTICE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO
108	A PROOF OF CLAIM. A notice under (b) or (c) shallmust
109	be filed as a supplement to a proof of claim, and be prepared
110	using the appropriate Official Form 410S-1 or 410S-2,
111	respectively. The notice is not subject to Rule 3001(f).
112	(e) DETERMINING FEES, EXPENSES, OR
113	CHARGES. On a party in interest's motion, the court
114	shallmust, after notice and a hearing, determine whether
115	paying any claimed fee, expense, or charge is required by the
116	underlying agreement and applicable nonbankruptcy law-to
117	cure a default or maintain payments under § 1322(b)(5) of
118	the Code. The motion shallmust be filed within one year
119	after the notice under (c) was served, unless the a party in
120	interest has requested and the court orders a shorter period.
121	(f) TRUSTEE'S MIDCASE NOTICE OF THE
122	STATUS OF A MORTGAGE CLAIM MOTION TO

123	<u>DETERMINE</u>	STATUS;	RESPON	SE;	COURT
124	DETERMINATION	ON.			
125	(1)) Timing;	Content	and	Service.
126	Between	18 and 24 m	onths At an	y time	after the
127	bankrupte	y_petition wa	s filed date	of the o	order for
128	relief und	er Chapter 13	and until th	ne case i	s closed,
129	the truste	e <u>or debtor sl</u>	nall <u>may</u> fil	e a noti	ce about
130	motion to	determine the	status of a	ny <u>any </u> r	nortgage
131	claim des	cribed in (a).	Γhe notice s	hall <u>mot</u>	ion must
132	be prepare	ed using the a	ppropriate (Official	Form []
133	and be sen	rved on:			
134	•	the debtor and	d the debtor	's attorn	ey, if the
135		trustee is the	movant;		
136	•	the debtor's	attorney <u>th</u>	e truste	e, if the
137		debtor is the 1	novant; and		
138	•	the claim hold	ler.		
139	(2)) Response	; Motion	to Co	mpel a
140	Response,	: Objection	to the R	esponse,	: Court

141	Determination Content and Service. (A)
142	— Deadline; Content and Service. If the The
143	claim holder disagrees with facts set forth in the
144	motion, it shall must file a response to the trustee's
145	notice within 21 days after-it the motion is served.
146	The response shall must be prepared using the
147	appropriate Official Form [] and be served on:the
148	debtor; debtor's counselattorney; and the trustee the
149	individuals listed in (b)(1).
150	(B) Motion for an Order
151	Compelling a Response. If the claim holder
152	does not timely file a response, a party in
153	interest may move for an order compelling one.
154	(C) Objection. A party in interest
155	may file an objection to the claim holder's
156	response.
157	$(\underline{\mathbf{D3}})$ Court Determination. If a party in
158	interest objects to the response the claim holder's

159	response asserts a disagreement with facts set forth
160	in the motion, the court shall must, after notice and a
161	hearing, determine the status of the mortgage claim
162	and enter an appropriate order. If the claim holder
163	does not respond to the motion, the court may enter
164	an order favorable to the moving party based on the
165	facts set forth in the motion.
166	(g) TRUSTEE'S END-OF-CASE
167	MOTION TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF NOTICE
168	OF PAYMENTS MADE ON A MORTGAGE CLAIM;
169	RESPONSE; COURT DETERMINATION.
170	(1) Timing; Content and Service. Within
171	45 days after the debtor completes all payments due
172	to the trustee under a chapter Chapter 13 plan, the
173	trustee—if the trustee has made any payments on a
174	claim described in (a)—shall must file a motion
175	notice stating:

176	(A)to determine the status of a mortgage
177	claim, including whether any prepetition
178	arrearage has been cured. the amount, if any,
179	the trustee paid to the claim holder to cure
180	any default and whether the default has been
181	cured; and
182	(B) the amount, if any, the trustee paid to the
183	claim holder for contractual payments that
184	came due during the pendency of the case and
185	whether contractual payments are current as
186	of the date of the notice.
187	The notice must also inform the claim holder of its
188	obligation to respond under (g)(2). The motion shall
189	notice must be prepared using the appropriate
190	Official Form [] and be served on:
191	• the claim holder;
192	• the debtor;
193	• and debtor's eounsel attorney.

194	(2) Response; Motion to Compel a Response;
195	Objection to the Res ponse. (A) Deadline; Content
196	and Service. The claim holder shall must file a response to
197	the motion notice within 28 days after its service of the
198	motion. The response must be filed as a supplement to the
199	claim holder's proof of claim and is not subject to Rule
200	3001(f). The response shall must be prepared using the
201	appropriate Official Form [] and be served on: the debtor;
202	debtor's counsel; and the trustee the individuals listed in
203	<u>(b)(1)</u> .
204	(B) Motion for an Order
205	Compelling a Response. If the claim holder
206	does not timely file a response, a party in
207	interest may move for an order compelling
208	one.
209	(C) Objection. Within 14 days
210	after service of a response, a party in interest
211	may file an objection to the response.

212	(h) ORDER DETERMINING THE STATUS
213	OF A MORTGAGE CLAIM.
214	(1 <u>3</u>) No Response Court Determination of
215	Final Cure and Payment. If the claim holder fails to
216	comply with an order under (g)(2)(B) to respond to
217	the trustee's motion, the court may enter an order
218	determining that:
219	(A) as of the date of the motion,
220	the debtor is current on all payments that the
221	plan requires to be paid to the claim
222	holder—including all escrow amounts; and
223	(B) all postpetition legal fees,
224	expenses, and charges incurred or imposed
225	by the claim holder have been satisfied in
226	full.
227	(2) No Objection. If the claim holder
228	timely responds and no objection is filed, the court
229	may by order, determine that the amounts stated in

230	the claim holder's response reflect the status of the
231	claim as of the date the response was filed.
232	(3) Contested Motion. If an objection is
233	filed, the court shall, after notice and a hearing,
234	determine the status of the mortgage claim and issue
235	an appropriate order. On motion of the debtor or
236	trustee and after notice and hearing, the court must
237	determine whether the debtor has cured any default
238	and paid all required postpetition amounts. The
239	trustee or debtor may seek such a determination
240	within the following time periods:
241	• within 28 days after service of the
242	response under (g)(2);
243	• within 45 days after service of the
244	trustee's notice under (g)(1) if no
245	response is filed by the claim holder
246	under $(g)(2)$; or

247	• before the Chapter 13 case is closed
248	if the trustee does not file the notice
249	<u>under (g)(1).</u>
250	(4) Contents of the Order.
251	(A) Issued Under (h)(2) or (h)(3).
252	An order issued under (h)(2) or (h)(3) shall
253	include the following information, current as
254	of the date of the claim holder's response or
255	such other date that the court may determine:
256	(i) the principal balance owed;
257	(ii) the date that the debtor's next
258	payment is due;
259	(iii) the amount of the next
260	payment separately identifying the amount
261	due for principal, interest, mortgage
262	insurance, taxes, and other escrow amounts,
263	as applicable;

264	(iv) the amounts held in any
265	escrow, suspense, unapplied-funds, or similar
266	account; and
267	(v) the amount of any fees,
268	expenses, or charges properly noticed under
269	(c) that remain unpaid.
270	(B) Issued Under (h)(1). An order
271	issued under (h)(1) may include any of the
272	information described in (A) and may
273	address the treatment of any payment that
274	becomes delinquent before the court grants
275	the debtor a discharge.
276	(ih) CLAIM HOLDER'S FAILURE TO GIVE
277	NOTICE OR RESPOND. If the claim holder fails to provide
278	any information as required by this rule, the court may, after
279	notice and a hearing, do one or more of the following:
280	(1) preclude the holder from presenting
281	the omitted information in any form as evidence in

282	any contested matter or adversary proceeding in the
283	case—unless the court determines that the failure
284	was substantially justified or is harmless; or
285	(2) award other appropriate relief
286	including reasonable expenses and attorney's fees
287	caused by the failure and, in appropriate
288	circumstances, noncompensatory sanctions; and
289	(3) take any other action authorized by
290	this rule.

Committee Note

The rule is amended to encourage a greater degree of compliance with its provisions and to provide a more straight-forward and familiar procedure for determining the status of a mortgage claim at the end of a chapter 13 case. It also provides for a new midease allow assessments of the a mortgage claim's status while a chapter 13 case is pending in order to give the debtor an opportunity to cure any postpetition defaults that may have occurred. Stylistic changes are made throughout the rule, and its title and subdivision headings have been changed to reflect the amended content.

Subdivision (a), which describes the rule's applicability, remains largely unchanged. However, the <u>is</u> amended to delete the word "installment" in the phrase "contractual installment payment" was deleted here and throughout the rule in order to clarify the rule's applicability to reverse mortgages, which are not paid in installments.

In addition to stylistic changes, subdivision (b) is amended to add provisions about the effective date of late payment change notices and to provide more detailed provisions about notice of payment changes for home-equity lines of credit ("HELOCs") and to add provisions about the effective date of late payment change notices. Subdivision (b)(2) now provides that late notices of a payment increase do not go into effect until the required notice period (at least 21 days) expires. There is no delay, however, in the effective date of an untimely notice of a payment decrease.

The treatment of HELOCs presents a special issue under this rule because the amount owed changes frequently, often in small amounts. Requiring a notice for each change can be overly burdensome. Under new subdivision $(b)(\frac{32}{2})$,

a HELOC claimant only needs may choose to file only annual payment change notices—including a reconciliation figure (net overpayment or underpayment for the past year)—unless the payment change in a single month is for more than \$10. This provision also ensures at least 21 days' notice before a payment change takes effect.

As a sanction for noncompliance, subdivision (b)(3) now provides that late notices of a payment increase do not go into effect until the first payment due date after the required notice period (at least 21 days) expires. The claim holder will not be permitted to collect the increase for the interim period. There is no delay, however, in the effective date of an untimely notice of a payment decrease.

Only stylistic The changes are made to subdivisions (c) and (d) are largely stylistic. Stylistic changes are also made to subdivision (e). In addition, the court is given authority, upon motion of a party in interest, to shorten the time for seeking a determination of the fees, expenses, or charges owed. Such a shortening, for example, might be appropriate in the later stages of a chapter 13 case.

Subdivision (f) is new. It provides the a procedure for a midease assessment of assessing the status of the mortgage at any point while the chapter 13 case is pending. which This optional procedure, which should be used only when necessary and appropriate for carrying out the plan, allows the debtor and the trustee to be informed of any deficiencies in payment and to reconcile records with the claim holder in time in the chapter 13 case to become current before the case is closed. The procedure begins with the trustee providing notice of the status of the mortgage is initiated by motion of the trustee or debtor. An Official Form has been adopted for this purpose. The mortgage claim holder then has to respond if it disagrees with facts

stated in the motion, again using an Official Form to provide the required information. If the claim holder fails to respond, a party in interest may seek an order compelling a response. A party in interest may also object to the claim holder's response. If an objection is made the claim holder's response asserts such a disagreement, the court, after notice and a hearing, will determines the status of the mortgage claim. If the claim holder fails to respond, the court may enter an order favorable to the moving party by default.

As under the former rule, there is an assessment of the status of the mortgage at the end of a chapter 13 case—when the debtor has completed all payments under the plan. The procedure is changed, however, from a notice to a motion procedure that results in a binding order, and time periods for the trustee and claim holder to act have been lengthened the trustee must file a notice at the end of the case if the trustee has made payments to the claim holder on a <u>claim covered by the rule</u>. Under subdivision (g), the trustee begins the procedure by filing—within 45 days after the last plan payment is made to the trustee,—a motion to determine the status of the mortgage the trustee must file a notice of final cure and payment. An Official Form has been adopted for this purpose. The notice will state the amount that the trustee has paid to cure any default on the claim and whether the default has been cured. It will also state the amount, if any, that the trustee has paid on contractual obligations that came due during the case and whether those payments are current as of the date of the notice. The claim holder then must respond within 28 days after service of the motionnotice, again using an Official Form to provide the required information. If the claim holder fails to respond, a party in interest may seek an order compelling a response. A party in interest may also object to the response.

This process ends with a court order detailing the status of the mortgage (subdivision (h)). Either the trustee or the debtor may file a motion for a determination of final cure and payment. The motion must be filed within 28 days after the claim holder responds to the trustee's notice under (g)(1), or if If the claim holder fails to respond to the notice, within 45 days after the notice was served. If no notice was filed, the motion may be made at any time before the case is closed. to an order compelling a response, the court may enter an order stating that the debtor is current on the mortgage. If there is a response and no objection to it is made, the order may accept as accurate the amounts stated in the response. If there is both a response and an objection, the The court must will then determine the status of the mortgage. Subdivision (h)(4) specifies the contents of the order. A Director's Form provides guidance on the type of information that should be included in the order.

Subdivision (h) was previously subdivision (i). It has been amended to clarify that the listed sanctions are authorized in addition to any other actions that the rule authorizes the court to take if the claim holder fails to provide notice or respond as required by the rule. It also expressly states that noncompensatory sanctions may be awarded in appropriate circumstances. Stylistic changes have also been made to the subdivision.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE¹

1 2 3 4	Rule 3002.1.	Notice Relating to Chapter 13—Claims Claim Secured by a Security Interest in the Debtor's Principal Residence in a Chapter 13 Case 2
5	(a)	IN GENERAL. This rule applies in a Chapter
6	13 case to a cl	aim that is secured by a security interest in the
7	debtor's princ	ipal residence and for which the plan provides
8	for the truste	e or debtor to make contractual-installment
9	payments. Ur	nless the court orders otherwise, the notice
10	requirements	of this rule cease when an order terminating or
11	annulling the	automatic stay related to that residence
12	becomes effect	etive.
13	(b)	NOTICE OF A PAYMENT CHANGE:
14	HOME-EQUI	TY LINE OF CREDIT; EFFECT OF AN
15	UNTIMELY	NOTICE; OBJECTION.

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² The changes indicated are to the restyled version of Rule 3002.1, not yet in effect.

16	(1) Notice by the Claim Holder. The
17	claim holder must file a notice of any change in the
18	payment amount of an installment payment
19	including any change resulting from an interest-rate
20	or escrow-account adjustment. Except as provided in
21	(b)(2), At at least 21 days before the new payment is
22	due, the notice must be filed and served on:
23	• the debtor;
24	• the debtor's attorney; and
25	• the trustee.
26	If the claim arises from a home-equity line of
27	credit, the court may modify this requirement.
28	(2) Notice of a Change in a Home-Equity
29	Line of Credit.
30	(A) Deadline. If the claim arises
31	from a home-equity line of credit, the notice
32	of a payment change must be filed and served
33	either as provided in (b)(1) or within one year

34	after the bankruptcy petition was filed and
35	then at least annually.
36	(B) Contents of the Annual
37	Notice. The annual notice must:
38	(1) state the payment
39	amount due for the month when the
40	notice is filed; and
41	(2) include a reconciliation
42	amount to account for any
43	overpayment or underpayment during
44	the prior year.
45	(C) Amount of the Next Payment.
46	The first payment due at least 21 days after
47	the annual notice is filed and served must be
48	increased or decreased by the reconciliation
49	amount.
50	(D) Effective Date. The new
51	payment amount stated in the annual notice

52	(disregarding the reconciliation amount) will
53	be effective on the first payment due date
54	after the payment under (C) is made and will
55	remain effective until a new notice becomes
56	effective.
57	(E) Payment Changes Greater
58	Than \$10. If the claim holder opts to give
59	annual notices under (b)(2) and the monthly
60	payment increases or decreases by more than
61	\$10 in any month, the claim holder must file
62	and serve (in addition to the annual notice) a
63	notice under (b)(1) for that month.
64	(3) Effect of an Untimely Notice. If the claim
65	holder does not timely file and serve the notice
66	required by (b)(1) or (b)(2), the effective date of the
67	new payment is as follows:
68	(A) when the notice concerns a
69	payment increase, on the first payment due

70	date that is at least 21 days after the untimely
71	notice was filed and served, or
72	(B) when the notice concerns a
73	payment decrease, on the first payment due
74	date that is after the date of the notice.
75	(4) Party in Interest's Objection. A party
76	in interest who objects to the a payment change
77	noticed under (b)(1) or (b)(2) may file and serve a
78	motion to determine whether the change is
79	required to maintain payments under
80	§ 1322(b)(5)the validity of the payment change.
81	Unless the court orders otherwise, if no motion is
82	filed by-before the day before the new payment is
83	due, the change goes into effect on that date.
84	(c) FEES, EXPENSES, AND CHARGES
85	INCURRED AFTER THE CASE WAS FILED; NOTICE
86	BY THE CLAIM HOLDER. The claim holder must file a
87	notice itemizing all fees, expenses, and charges that the

88	claim holder has incurred after the case was filed that the
89	holder asserts are recoverable against the debtor or the
90	debtor's principal residence. Within 180 days after the
91	fees, expenses, or charges were are incurred, the notice
92	must be <u>filed and</u> served on <u>the individuals listed in (b)(1).</u> ÷
93	• the debtor;
94	• the debtor's attorney; and
95	• the trustee.
96	(d) FILING NOTICE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO
97	A PROOF OF CLAIM. A notice under (b) or (c) must be
98	filed as a supplement to the a proof of claim using Form
99	410S-1 or 410S-2, respectively. The notice is not subject to
100	Rule 3001(f).
101	(e) DETERMINING FEES, EXPENSES, OR
102	CHARGES. On a party in interest's motion-filed within one
103	year after the notice in (c) was served, the court must, after
104	notice and a hearing, determine whether paying any claimed
105	fee, expense, or charge is required by the underlying

106	agreement and applicable nonbankruptcy law. to cure a
107	default or maintain payments under § 1322(b)(5). The motion
108	must be filed within one year after the notice under (c) was
109	served, unless a party in interest has requested and the court
110	orders a shorter period.
111	(f) MOTION TO DETERMINE STATUS;
112	RESPONSE; COURT DETERMINATION.
113	(1) Timing; Content and Service. At any
114	time after the date of the order for relief under
115	Chapter 13 and until the case is closed, the trustee or
116	debtor may file a motion to determine the status of
117	any claim described in (a). The motion must be
118	prepared using Official Form [] and be served on:
119	• the debtor and the debtor's attorney, if the
120	trustee is the movant;
121	• the trustee, if the debtor is the movant; and
122	• the claim holder.

123	(2) Response; Content and Service. If
124	the claim holder disagrees with facts set forth in the
125	motion, it must file a response within 21 days after
126	the motion is served. The response must be prepared
127	using Official Form [] and be served on the
128	individuals listed in (b)(1).
129	(3) Court Determination. If the claim
130	holder's response asserts a disagreement with facts
131	set forth in the motion, the court must, after notice
132	and a hearing, determine the status of the claim and
133	enter an appropriate order. If the claim holder does
134	not respond to the motion, the court may enter an
135	order favorable to the moving party based on the
136	facts set forth in the motion.
137	(fg) NOTICE OF THE FINAL CURE
138	PAYMENT. TRUSTEE'S END-OF-CASE NOTICE OF
139	PAYMENTS MADE; RESPONSE; COURT
140	<u>DETERMINATION.</u>

141	(1) Contents of a Notice Timing; Content
142	and Service. Within 30 45 days after the debtor
143	completes all payments due to the trustee under a
144	Chapter 13 plan, the trustee—if the trustee has made
145	any payments on a claim described in (a)— must file
146	a notice stating:
147	(A) stating that the debtor has paid
148	infull-the amount-required, if any, the trustee
149	paid to the claim holder to cure any default
150	on the claimand whether the default has been
151	cured; and
152	(B) the amount, if any, the trustee
153	paid to the claim holder for contractual
154	payments that came due during the pendency
155	of the case and whether contractual payments
156	are current as of the date of the notice.
157	informing the claim holder of itsobligation to file and
158	serve a response under (g).

159	The notice must also inform the claim holder of its
160	obligation to respond under (g)(2). The notice must
161	be prepared using Official Form [] and be served on:
162	• the claim holder;
163	• the debtor;
164	• and debtor's attorney.
165	(2) Serving the Notice. The notice mustbe
166	served on:
167	• the claim holder;
168	• the debtor; and
169	• the debtor's attorney.
170	(2) <u>Response</u> . The claim holder must file
171	a response to the notice within 28 days after its
172	service. The response must be filed as a supplement
173	to the claim holder's proof of claim and is not subject
174	to Rule 3001(f). The response must be prepared
175	using Official Form [] and be served on the
176	individuals listed in (b)(1).

177	(3) The Debtor's Right to File. The
178	debtor may file and serve the notice if:
179	(A) the trustee fails to do so; and
180	the debtor contends that the final cure
181	payment has been made andall plan payments
182	have been completed.
183	Court Determination of Final Cure and
184	Payment. On motion of the debtor or trustee and
185	after notice and hearing, the court must determine
186	whether the debtor has cured any default and paid all
187	required postpetition amounts. The trustee or debtor
188	may seek such a determination within the following
189	time periods:
190	• within 28 days after service of the
191	response under $(g)(2)$;
192	• within 45 days after service of the
193	trustee's notice under (g)(1) if no

194	response is filed by the claim holder
195	<u>under (g)(2); or</u>
196	• before the chapter 13 case is closed if the
197	trustee does not file the notice under (g)(1).
198	(g) RESPONSE TO A NOTICE OF THE FINAL
199	CUREPAYMENT.
200	(1) Required Statement. Within 21 days
201	after the notice under (f) is served, theclaim holder
202	must file and serve a statement that:
203	(A) indicates whether:
204	(i) the claim holder
205	agrees that the debtor has paid in full
206	the amount required to cure any
207	default on the claim; and
208	(ii) the debtor is
209	otherwise current on all payments
210	under § 1322(b)(5); and
211	(B) itemizes the required cure or

212	postpetition amounts, if any, that the claim
213	holder contends remain unpaid as of the
214	statement's date.
215	(2) Persons to be Served. The holdermust
216	serve the statement on:
217	• the debtor;
218	• the debtor's attorney; and
219	• the trustee.
220	(3) Statement to be a Supplement. The
221	statement must be filed as a supplement to the proof
222	of claim and is not subject to Rule 3001(f).
223	(h) DETERMINING THE FINAL CURE
224	PAYMENT. On the debtor's or trustee's motion filed within
225	21 days after the statement under (g) is served, the court
226	must, after notice and a hearing, determine whether the
227	debtor has cured the default and made all required
228	postpetition payments.
229	(ih) <u>CLAIM HOLDER'S</u> FAILURE TO GIVE

230	NOTICE OR RESPOND. If the claim holder fails to provide
231	any information as required by (b), (c), or (g)this rule, the
232	court may, after notice and a hearing, take one or bothof
233	these actions do one or more of the following:
234	(1) preclude the holder from presenting
235	the omitted information in any form as evidence in
236	any contested matter or adversary proceeding in the
237	case—unless the court determines that the failure
238	was substantially justified or is harmless; and
239	(2) award other appropriate—relief,
240	including reasonable expenses and attorney's fees
241	caused by the failure and, in appropriate
242	circumstances, noncompensatory sanctions; and
243	(3) take any other action authorized by
244	this rule.

Committee Note

The rule is amended to encourage a greater degree of compliance with its provisions and to allow assessments of a mortgage claim's status while a chapter 13 case is pending in order to give the debtor an opportunity to cure any postpetition defaults that may have occurred. Stylistic changes are made throughout the rule, and its title and subdivision headings have been changed to reflect the amended content.

Subdivision (a), which describes the rule's applicability, is amended to delete the word "installment" in the phrase "contractual installment payment" in order to clarify the rule's applicability to reverse mortgages, which are not paid in installments.

In addition to stylistic changes, subdivision (b) is amended to provide more detailed provisions about notice of payment changes for home-equity lines of credit ("HELOCs") and to add provisions about the effective date of late payment change notices. The treatment of HELOCs presents a special issue under this rule because the amount owed changes frequently, often in small amounts. Requiring a notice for each change can be overly burdensome. Under new subdivision (b)(2), a HELOC claimant may choose to file only annual payment change notices—including a reconciliation figure (net overpayment or underpayment for the past year)—unless the payment change in a single month is for more than \$10. This provision also ensures at least 21 days' notice before a payment change takes effect.

As a sanction for noncompliance, subdivision (b)(3) now provides that late notices of a payment increase do not go into effect until the first payment due date after the required notice period (at least 21 days) expires. The claim

holder will not be permitted to collect the increase for the interim period. There is no delay, however, in the effective date of an untimely notice of a payment decrease.

The changes made to subdivisions (c) and (d) are largely stylistic. Stylistic changes are also made to subdivision (e). In addition, the court is given authority, upon motion of a party in interest, to shorten the time for seeking a determination of the fees, expenses, or charges owed. Such a shortening, for example, might be appropriate in the later stages of a chapter 13 case.

Subdivision (f) is new. It provides a procedure for assessing the status of the mortgage at any point while the chapter 13 case is pending. This optional procedure, which should be used only when necessary and appropriate for carrying out the plan, allows the debtor and the trustee to be informed of any deficiencies in payment and to reconcile records with the claim holder in time to become current before the case is closed. The procedure is initiated by motion of the trustee or debtor. An Official Form has been adopted for this purpose. The claim holder then has to respond if it disagrees with facts stated in the motion, again using an Official Form to provide the required information. If the claim holder's response asserts such a disagreement, the court, after notice and a hearing, will determine the status of the mortgage claim. If the claim holder fails to respond, the court may enter an order favorable to the moving party by default.

As under the former rule, the trustee must file a notice at the end of the case if the trustee has made payments to the claim holder on a claim covered by the rule. Under subdivision (g), within 45 days after the last plan payment is made to the trustee, the trustee must file a notice of final cure and payment. An Official Form has been adopted for this

purpose. The notice will state the amount that the trustee has paid to cure any default on the claim and whether the default has been cured. It will also state the amount, if any, that the trustee has paid on contractual obligations that came due during the case and whether those payments are current as of the date of the notice. The claim holder then must respond within 28 days after service of the notice, again using an Official Form to provide the required information.

Either the trustee or the debtor may file a motion for a determination of final cure and payment. The motion must be filed within 28 days after the claim holder responds to the trustee's notice under (g)(1), or if the claim holder fails to respond to the notice, within 45 days after the notice was served. If no notice was filed, the motion may be made at any time before the case is closed. The court will then determine the status of the mortgage. A Director's Form provides guidance on the type of information that should be included in the order.

Subdivision (h) was previously subdivision (i). It has been amended to clarify that the listed sanctions are authorized in addition to any other actions that the rule authorizes the court to take if the claim holder fails to provide notice or respond as required by the rule. It also expressly states that noncompensatory sanctions may be awarded in appropriate circumstances. Stylistic changes have also been made to the subdivision.