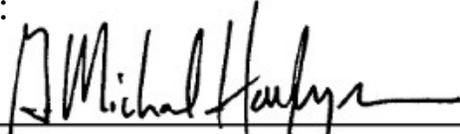




THE FOLLOWING ORDER
IS APPROVED AND ENTERED
AS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT:

DATED: April 3, 2013


G. Michael Halfenger
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

In the matter:

Jennifer D. Brown,

Case No. 13-23093-GMH

Debtor.

Chapter 7

**ORDER HOLDING IN ABEYANCE DEBTOR'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO
FILE SCHEDULES AND PLAN**

The debtor, Jennifer Brown, filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 7 on March 19, 2013, without all of the information required by 11 U.S.C. §521 and Bankruptcy Rule 1007. Rule 1007(c) requires that the debtor file the missing information within 14 days of filing the petition, unless the court enlarges the time. Rather than file the missing information by the deadline, the debtor waited until the last day of the period, April 2, 2013, to move for enlargement of the time. The motion asks the court to allow her until April 9, nine days before the §341 meeting, to complete her petition. As grounds the motion states only that "[t]he Debtor is currently gathering documentation in order to

file her completed bankruptcy schedules.” The debtor filed no declaration or affidavit in support of the motion. (The court has received two other motions filed by the same counsel on behalf of another debtor, in case #13-22378, using identical boilerplate language. Each of the motions make the unexplained claim that the bankruptcy filing was an “emergency.”)

Rule 1007 allows the court to enlarge the time in which to file the required documents only when the debtor files a motion showing cause: “any extension of time to file schedules, statements, and other documents required under this rule may be granted only on motion for cause shown” and appropriate notice. Bankr. R. 1007(c). The debtor’s motion fails to show cause. It offers no explanation of why the additional time is “required.”

The debtor has chosen a risky way to proceed. If the court were simply to deny this eleventh-hour motion, the debtor’s case would be subject to dismissal. And any effort to obtain a post-deadline expansion of time to file the missing information would require the debtor to meet the more onerous “excusable neglect” standard of Rule 9006.

For these reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the debtor’s motion to extend the deadline to file the documents by Rule 1007 will be held in abeyance until April 5, 2013, to allow the debtor an opportunity to show cause why she needs additional time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any further motions to extend time based on unspecified emergencies and claims that documents are being gathered will be denied.

#####