

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

IN RE:)
EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATION)
OF VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE)
HEARINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES)
UNDER § 15002(b) OF THE CARES ACT)

AMENDED STANDING ORDER 2023-12

1. On April 10, 2023, the President signed into law a Joint Resolution (H.J. Res. 7) which provides that “the national emergency declared by the finding of the President on March 13, 2020, in Proclamation 9994 . . . is hereby terminated.”
2. As a result, the court’s authority to use video and teleconferencing technologies in certain criminal proceedings under Section 15002(b) of the CARES Act expires on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.
3. While Paragraph 10 of Standing Order 2023-12 indicated that authorization to use video or teleconference technologies in certain criminal proceedings specified in Section 15002(b) of the CARES Act would expire on June 10, 2023, the President’s action in signing the Joint Resolution into law on April 10, 2023, requires an earlier expiration date of May 10, 2023. This earlier termination date was foreshadowed in footnote 2 of Standing Order 2023-12.
4. Accordingly, Paragraph 10 of Standing Order 2023-12 is amended to read as follows:

10. The reauthorization of video and teleconference technology for criminal proceedings specified in Section 15002(b) of the CARES Act expires on May 10,

2023. After May 10, 2023, the court will return to pre-pandemic practices and may use video or teleconference technologies only pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or any relevant statutes that applied before the CARES Act.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered: April 27, 2023



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Chief U.S. District Judge
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