

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Greenbelt Division)**

In re:)	
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USGen New England, Inc.,)	Case No. 03-30465 (PM)
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Debtor.)	Chapter 11
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**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASE,
MEETING OF CREDITORS AND AUTOMATIC STAY**

COMMENCEMENT OF CASE. On July 8, 2003, USGen New England, Inc. (the “Debtor”) filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). The Debtor filed the petition with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland (the “Court”). Pursuant to Sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is authorized to continue to operate its business and manage its properties as a debtor in possession. The Debtor is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland.

MEETING OF CREDITORS. Pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code, **the United States Trustee for the District of Maryland has scheduled a meeting of creditors to be held on September 3, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the Greenbelt Marriott, 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.** You may be a creditor of the Debtor. Accordingly, you are invited to attend this meeting, but your attendance is not mandatory. At this meeting, the United States Trustee will examine the Debtor and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Creditors may also ask such questions as may properly be raised at the meeting. The meeting may be continued or adjourned from time to time by notice at the meeting without further written notice to creditors. If the meeting is not concluded, the date and time of the continued meeting will be filed with the Clerk of the Court. A representative of the Debtor, as specified in Rule 9001(5)(A) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, will appear at the meeting of creditors for the purpose of being examined under oath.

PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER 11 FILING. Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code enables a debtor to reorganize pursuant to a Chapter 11 plan. A Chapter 11 plan of reorganization is not effective unless approved by the Court at a confirmation hearing. Creditors will be given notice of the Debtor’s plan of reorganization and the opportunity to vote on the acceptance or rejection of such plan. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Debtor will remain in possession of its property and will continue to operate its business as a debtor in possession.

CREDITORS MAY NOT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS. Under the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is granted protection against certain actions by creditors. Common examples of prohibited actions by creditors include contacting the Debtor to demand repayment of a debt, taking action against the Debtor to collect money owed to creditors, taking or exerting control

over property of the Debtor, terminating or changing the terms of existing contracts or agreements with the Debtor due to the filing of the bankruptcy case, and starting or continuing collection and/or foreclosure actions or repossessions, or taking any action to realize the value of a secured creditor's collateral. If unauthorized actions are taken by a creditor against the Debtor, the Court may penalize that creditor. A creditor who is considering taking action against the Debtor or its property should review Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and may wish to seek independent legal advice. Neither the staff of the Clerk of Court nor the Debtor's attorneys are permitted to give legal advice to creditors. Finally, creditors are encouraged to contact the Debtor or its attorneys before taking any action against the Debtor or its property, in order to fully explore possible consensual resolutions of such creditors' outstanding issues.

FILING PLEADINGS OR OBTAINING COPIES OF PLEADINGS. Should you wish to file any pleadings with the Bankruptcy Court, please file them with the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office at the following address:

Bankruptcy Clerk's Office
U.S. Courthouse
6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 300
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
(301) 344-8018

Hours of operation: Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please be advised that pursuant to Administrative Order 03-02, dated April 4, 2003, the Court has adopted certain electronic case filing procedures. More information regarding the electronic case filing procedures is available at the Court's web site at: <http://www.mdb.uscourts.gov>.

Should you wish to obtain copies of any pleading, you may obtain them from the following copy service:

Document Technologies, Inc.
U.S. Courthouse
6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 300
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
(301) 982-4216
FAX (301) 982-4271

SCHEDULES AND PROOFS OF CLAIM. The Debtor anticipates that, on or before August 21, 2003, the Debtor will file schedules of known creditors pursuant to Rule 1007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and any applicable order of the Court. Creditors whose claims are not scheduled or whose claims are scheduled as disputed, contingent or unliquidated as to amount and who desire to participate in the Debtor's case or share in any distribution will be required to file a proof of claim. **The Court has not yet set a deadline for filing proofs of claims in the Debtor's case.** However, in the future, the Debtor will be requesting that the Court set a deadline for filing claims and establishing certain other requirements for filing claims. **The Debtor has retained Bankruptcy Services, LLC ("BSI") as claims agent to**

perform, among other things, noticing and claims processing for the Debtors. Once the Court establishes the claims deadline, BSI will advise you of the same by mail. Parties in interest with questions regarding the claims process may contact BSI as follows:

Bankruptcy Services, LLC
757 Third Avenue
3rd Floor
New York, NY 10017
Telephone: (646) 282-2500
Fax: (646) 282-2501

INFORMATION REGARDING CASES. Other than as referenced herein, you will not automatically receive notice of documents filed in the Debtor's case. All documents filed with the Court are available for inspection, free of charge, at the office of the Clerk of the Court, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 300, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. The Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DEBTOR'S ATTORNEYS. Parties in interest with questions regarding the Debtor's case may contact the Debtor's attorneys as follows:

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YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE CREDITORS MEETING OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THIS NOTICE.

Dated: July 14, 2003

Mark D. Sammons
Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court