

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

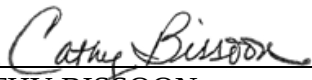
IN RE:	)	
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APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-18
JUDGE PATRICIA L. DODGE AS	)	2:24-mc-10001
CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE	)	
	)	

ORDER APPOINTING CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to the Court's Rules Governing the Internal Administration of the Court, Section 6.1, the Chief Magistrate Judge is appointed by the Board of Judges for a term not to exceed four years. Magistrate Judge Richard A. Lanzillo's term as Chief Magistrate Judge will expire at midnight on September 30, 2026. The Board of Judges expresses its gratitude to Chief Magistrate Judge Lanzillo for his years of thoughtful leadership and his distinguished tenure. Magistrate Judge Patricia L. Dodge is next in line of seniority for the Chief Magistrate Judge position.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**, on this 24th day of September 2026, upon the affirmative vote of the Board of Judges present and voting, and constituting a majority of the District Judges eligible to vote, the Honorable Patricia L. Dodge is designated Chief Magistrate Judge. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Dodge's appointment as Chief Magistrate Judge shall be for a four-year term effective October 1, 2026.

FOR THE COURT:



CATHY BISSOON
Chief United States District Judge