

GENERAL ORDER 08-11

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER CONTINUING BEAUMONT DIVISION CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
CASES IN LIGHT OF HURRICANE IKE**

Due to Hurricane Ike and its aftermath, and the direct consequences of the recent evacuation of the Beaumont area, the disruption of services and communication in the Beaumont area, the closure of the Beaumont Courthouse and numerous attorneys' offices in the Beaumont area, it is hereby ORDERED that all Beaumont Division civil and criminal matters pending before this court are CONTINUED until further order of the court. The court hereby finds that in light of the widespread disruption caused by Hurricane Ike, the ends of justice served by ordering such continuance in criminal cases outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendants in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A).

Signed this 16th day of September, 2008.

FOR THE COURT:


THAD HEARTFIELD
Chief Judge