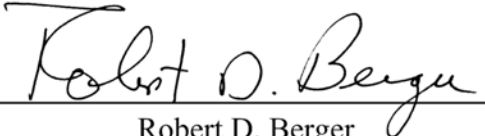


The relief described hereinbelow is **SO ORDERED**.

**SIGNED** this 11th day of June, 2020.



  
Robert D. Berger  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

In re:

**SHANEZES DENISE HARRIS,**

Debtor.

Case No. 17-20476

Chapter 13

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM**

On May 8, 2019, approximately two years into her Chapter 13 case, debtor Shanezes Harris leased an apartment from creditor Lenexa West 77th, LLC d/b/a the Reserve at 77 Apartment Homes (“Lenexa West”). Lenexa West ended the contract after Harris failed to pay \$2,525.27 for rent and utilities during December 2019, January 2020, and February 2020. This matter now comes before the Court

on Lenexa West's motion to treat that post-petition debt as an administrative expense under [11 U.S.C. § 503\(b\)\(1\)\(A\)](#).<sup>1</sup>

Section 503(b)(1)(A) provides that a court shall allow administrative expenses for "the actual, necessary costs and expenses of preserving the estate." A Chapter 13 debtor's post-petition costs for rent and utilities fall within this category. *See, e.g., In re Kuvykin*, Case No. 18-10760 (JLG), [2018 WL 4191854](#), at \*4 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Aug. 31, 2018); *In re Espinosa*, [542 B.R. 403, 412](#) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2015); *In re Babbs*, [265 B.R. 35, 39](#) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2001); *In re Hall*, [202 B.R. 929, 938](#) (Bankr. W.D. Tenn. 1996). Lenexa West is therefore allowed an administrative expense claim for \$2,525.27 under § 503(b)(1)(A). Such claim is entitled to priority under [11 U.S.C. § 507\(a\)\(2\)](#).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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<sup>1</sup> [ECF 76](#).