UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

PUBLIC NOTICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRY OF STANDING ORDER 22-6

ORDER EXEMPTING TRUSTEES AND THEIR EMPLOYEE FILING AGENTS FROM ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE ITEM 1; PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ITEM 1 FEE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice hereby is given that the Court has entered the attached Standing Order 22-6 rescinding:

Standing Order 01-4, which exempted the trustees from certain public access fees set forth in the Electronic Public Access (EPA) Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, which is accessible on the uscourts.gov website. This is in addition to the procedures by which the Court may consider the granting of a fee exemption request from the Item 1 fee as set forth at EPA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 9, which provides, in part: 'Courts may exempt certain persons or classes of persons from payment of the user access fee.

To the extent that trustees perform trustee-related work, they are exempted from the EPA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, Item 1, as permitted at Item 9, therein. Further, this exemption is made available to employees of trustees to the extent they directly perform needed trustee-related work. The Order provides procedures to obtain a PACER fee exemption for trustees' employees. As set forth at Footnote 2 in the Order:

With respect to PACER accounts, as of the Court's implementation of the Bankruptcy Next Generation (NextGen) Case Management /Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) Systems mandatory Central; Sign-on Module, multiple individuals will not be able to access PACER simultaneously through use of the user's login and password. For this reason, all such employees in direct need of accessing PACER must secure a separate PACER account consistent with Central Sign-on – Filings Agents instructions document accessible on the Court's website.

In addition, the Order makes provision for the Court to consider PACER fee exemption motions or other like written requests that the Court deems acceptable, which are filed or submitted by parties, as set forth therein.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bankruptcy NextGen CM/ECF System - Central Sign-On - Filing Agents

On the Court's internet website, see the <u>NextGen Information web page</u>, at the Central Sign-on – Filings Agents link, and as attached, hereto, for instructional information to become a filing agent. See the

¹ These and other fee provisions are subject to future adjustment by the Judicial Conference of the United States (Judicial Conference), as adopted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930. Any such adjustments are deemed incorporated into this Standing Order.

Requirements information set forth, therein. A series of screen shots and accompanying instructional information are provided, as well.

2. Bankruptcy NextGen CM/ECF System – NextGen Trustees

On the Court's internet website, see the <u>NextGen Information web page</u>, at the NextGen Trustees link, and as attached hereto, for instructions pertaining to the following:

In order to use NextGen, trustees with individual CM/ECF accounts must have individual upgraded PACER accounts. Shared PACER accounts cannot be used by CM/ECF filers once the court has upgraded to NextGen. Trustee accounts are exempt from PACER fees. Trustee accounts can have filing agents. The filing agents will also be exempt from PACER fees, but an exemption request must be approved and processed by the Court. [See the Court's Standing Order 22-6, attached hereto, in addition to Announcement 1, above.] Trustees can have both a trustee account and an attorney account in ECF if they are also an attorney.

Date: March 10, 2022

William C. Redden Clerk of Court

Attachments

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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Exemption of Trustees and their Employee)	
Filing Agents from Electronic Public Access)	Standing Order 22-6
Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 1; the)	
Procedures by Which the Court May Consider)	
the Granting of a Fee Exemption Request from)	
the Item 1 Fee)	

ORDER EXEMPTING TRUSTEES AND THEIR EMPLOYEE FILING AGENTS FROM ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE ITEM I; PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ITEM I FEE

On February 5, 2001, the Court entered Standing Order 01-1, as subsequently rescinded and replaced with Standing Order 01-4, which exempted the trustees from certain public access user fees set forth in the Electronic Public Access (EPA) Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, which is accessible on the uscourts.gov website. This is in addition to the procedures by which the Court may consider the granting of a fee exemption request from the Item 1 fee as set forth at EPA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 9, which provides, in part: "Courts may exempt certain persons or classes of persons from payment of the user access fee."

The PACER Service Center is responsible for providing registration, billing, and technical support to PACER customers.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Standing Order No. 01-4 is hereby rescinded. The fee exemption granted to the trustees under that Order shall continue unabated, in the manner as set forth herein.
- 2. For good cause, all trustees appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §586 and serving in cases before the Court shall be exempt from the current \$0.10 per page fee prescribed in Item 1 of the EPA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, and as later may be adjusted by the Judicial Conference, through ecf.vaeb.uscourts.gov, from the public records of individual cases in the Court, including filed documents and the docket sheet.

¹ These and other fee provisions are subject to future adjustment by the Judicial Conference of the United States (Judicial Conference), as adopted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930. Any such adjustments are deemed incorporated into this Standing Order.

- 3. Each trustee shall make arrangements timely to establish an exempt account for trustee work with the PACER Service Center and, as required, shall make arrangements timely to establish a billable account for non-trustee work.
- 4. Each trustee will be responsible for using the appropriate PACER account.
- 5. The PACER Service Center will establish an account for each trustee who requires a billable account for non-trustee work in addition to a PACER fee exempt trustee account for trustee work.

 6. In addition, the fee exemption is extended to employees of a trustee who have a direct need, through their trustee employer, as to trustee-related work being performed. To obtain a PACER fee exemption, the employing trustee will submit, in writing, the name(s) and PACER account number(s)² of such an employee(s) to the Clerk of the Court advising that the request conforms fully to the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Files Policy (CM/ECF) Statement, at CM/ECF Policy 2D(2), which is accessible on the Court's website. Further, should the circumstances change or if the employee(s) separate(s) from employment with the trustee, the Clerk of the Court must be advised by the trustee, in writing, forthwith, so the granted PACER fee exemption can be revoked, as to the affected employee(s). If the above procedure is followed to the Clerk of the Court's satisfaction, the Clerk may proceed, accordingly, without further direction from the Court. Otherwise, the Clerk of the Court shall so advise the Court for such further action as the Court deems appropriate to the circumstances.
- 7. The Clerk of the Court, or the Clerk's designee, will be responsible for (a) establishing, maintaining, and updating a listing of trustees, and their properly authorized employees who perform trustee-related work, and who are exempt from the fees set out in this Standing Order, and (b) providing the PACER Service Center with a copy of this Standing Order and listing, including listing updates. A trustee, or an employee(s) of the trustee who perform(s) trustee-related work, shall follow the PACER fee exemption procedure, herein, regarding such employee(s).
- 8. The PACER fee exemption applies only to the trustee-related work performed by the trustee and employee(s) for the trustee.
- 9. (a) Upon motion by a party or other written request deemed acceptable to the Court, the Court may consider the granting of an exemption from the fee prescribed in Item 1 of the EPA Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for court data obtained electronically, through ecf.vaeb.uscourts.gov, from the public records of individual cases in the Court, including filed documents and the docket

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sheet. The motion or other written request deemed acceptable to the Court, should demonstrate the basis upon which the party claims such an exemption.

- (b) The party should demonstrate that all applicable standards, as set forth and otherwise incorporated by reference in this Standing Order, have been met before the Court will consider granting the requested exemption.
- (c) The Clerk of the Court, or the Clerk's designee, will provide a copy of the order granting the requested exemption to the PACER Service Center so that the party will not be billed for use of the electronic public access service.
- 10. This order shall take effect on its date of entry.

FOR THE COURT:

FRANK J. SANDORO Chief Bankruptcy Judge Dated: March _____, 2022

Central Sign-On – Filing Agents

Requirements

- Upgraded PACER account is required.
- Filing agent must be an individual.
- Employees who act in a filing agent capacity may file for ECF Users as set forth in the Court's CM/ECF Policy 2D(2), which shall include trustees and Attorneys employed by the Office of the United States Trustee. (See the Court's Standing Order 22-5 regarding the procedure to obtain PACER fee exemptions for employees of trustees.)
- Filing Agents who access documents via PACER must either be charged a fee
 via a credit card or be granted fee exempt status. The latter is limited to
 employees of trustees who directly need to perform trustee-related work.
- Pro-se debtors are not permitted to file electronically, and, accordingly, must not use filing agent status to attempt to register for electronic filing.

Create an Upgraded PACER account

To create a filing agent account, use the following instructions:

1. Go to www.pacer.uscourts.gov. Click Register.



2. Click Non-Attorney Filers.

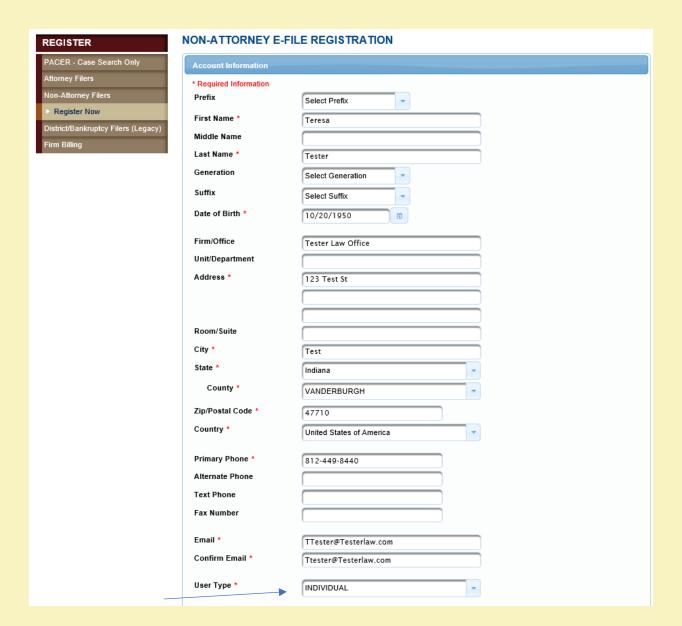


3. Click Register Now.

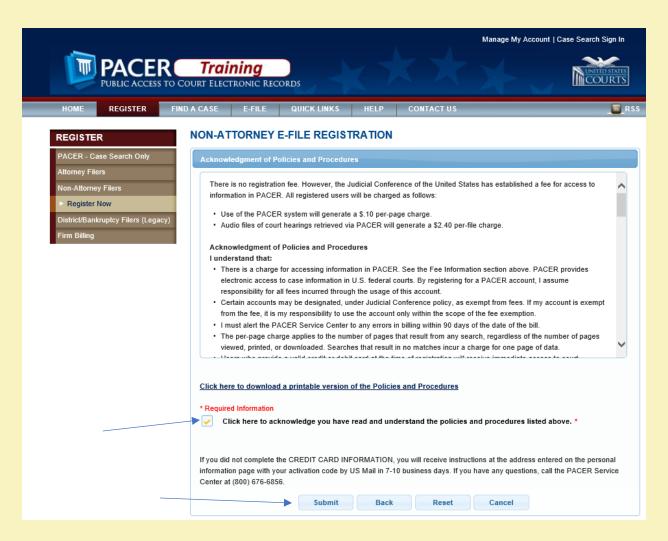


Note: When filling in fields in PACER, all fields with (*) are required.

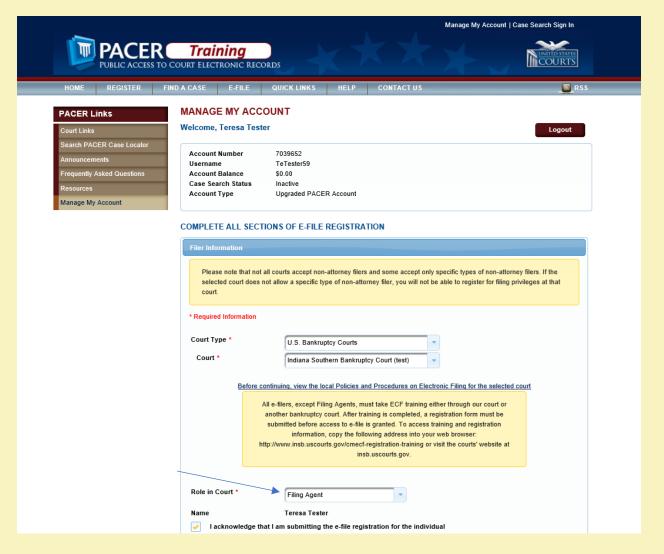
4. Fill in all required fields and select INDIVIDUAL for User Type.



- 5. Create a unique **Username** and **Password** on the next screen and answer **Security Questions**. Click **Next**.
- 6. Payment information is not required as the Attorney or Trustee will grant rights for paying fees when adding a Filing Agent account to their ECF account.
- 7. On the next screen, click in the box to acknowledge policies and procedures. Click **Submit**.



- 8. Click **Continue** to submit a request to the Court.
- Complete all sections of E-file Registration (may already be prefilled from the PACER account screens). Choose Filing Agent as Role in Court. Click Next when all required fields have been completed.



- 10. Credit card information is optional.
- 11. Click both boxes on next screen to acknowledge the E-Filing Terms of Use. Click **Submit**. then Click **Done**.
- 12. Confirmation received. The User Registration Team will review and approve the request.

Note: Filer will receive email from PACER notifying that the account has been approved by the Court.

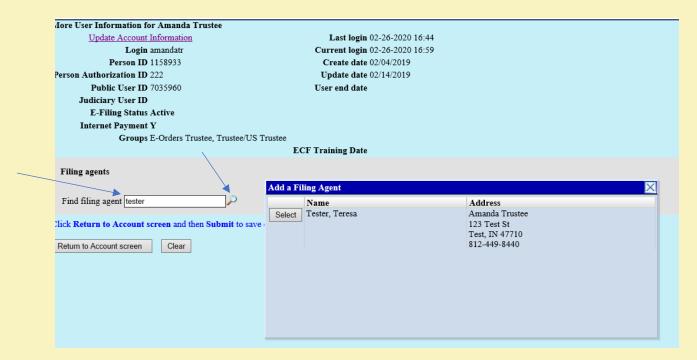
- 13. After filer receives approval notification, they should go to the Attorney or Trustee and ask them to add the account to their ECF account.
- 14. The Attorney or Trustee will need to log in to their ECF account via PACER.
- 15. Click Utilities.
- 16. Click Maintain Your ECF Account.

Utilities Your Account Docket Summary Maintain Your ECF Account View Your Transaction Log Your PACER Account... Miscellaneous Check PDF Document Court Information Links to Other Courts Mailings... Pacer Case Locator (National Index) Verify a Document Change PACER Exemption Status

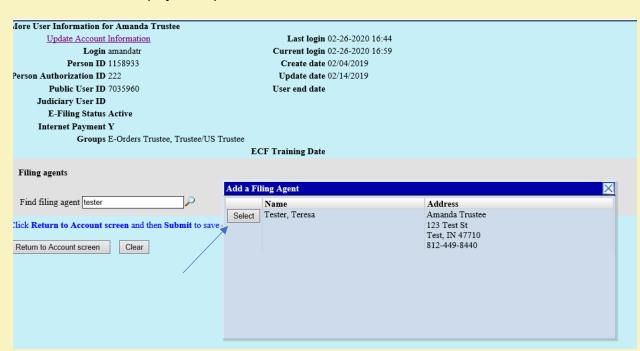
17. Click on More user information.



18. Enter the last name of the filing agent in the **Find filing agent** field. Click the **Magnifying glass** symbol. Name will appear.



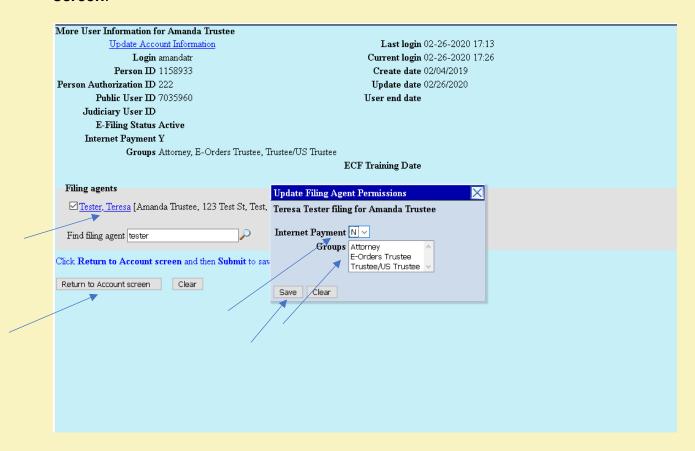
19. Click **Select** to set payment permissions.



20. Name will appear in blue. Click on **name** to set Internet Payment permissions.

More User Information for Amanda Trustee						
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Person Authorization ID 222	Update date 02/26/2020					
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21. Click **name** to set **Permissions** for **Internet Payment** as **yes** or **no** (Y or N) and highlight appropriate **Groups**. Click **Save**. Click **Return to Account screen**.



22. Click Submit to activate filing agent account.

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23. When Filing Agent logs into ECF, the Attorney or Trustee name will appear. Each pleading filed by the Filing Agent will reflect the Attorney or Trustee's name on the docket.

Note: If the Filing Agent files on behalf of more than one Attorney or Trustee, a list will appear for the Filing Agent to select the appropriate filer.



NextGen Trustees

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Trustees With an Upgraded PACER Account and a CM/ECF Account

 Trustee accounts are processed the same as attorneys. If you have both an upgraded PACER account and a CM/ECF Account, follow the steps to link your account. See Linking a PACER Account to NextGen.

Trustees With a Legacy PACER Account and CM/ECF Account

- Trustee accounts are processed the same as attorneys. If you have a legacy PACER account and a CM/ECF Account, you must first upgrade your PACER account. See Upgrading Your PACER Account. The User Type should be Individual.
- After you have upgraded your PACER account, follow the steps to link your account. See Linking a PACER Account to NextGen.

Trustees Without a PACER Account or CM/ECF Account

- Trustee accounts are processed the same as attorneys. If you do not have your own PACER account, follow the steps to register for an account. See Registering for a PACER Account. The **User Type** should be **Individual**.
- You must also submit an E-File Registration request through PACER. When you submit an E-File Registration request, the Role in Court should be Trustee.