

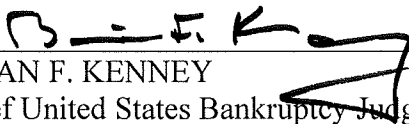
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)
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Procedures for Access and) Standing Order 26-2
Management of Sealed Documents)
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WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents shall be filed in CM/ECF but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means; and
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will have to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail; and
3. **Notice of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center. The court will notice sealed documents in paper by mail; and
4. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document will have to contact the clerk's office to request a paper copy. Applicable copy fees will be applied to such requests; and
5. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court's HSD procedures; and
6. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be directed to the clerk's office.
7. **Standing Order 25-4 is rescinded.**
8. **CM/ECF Policy 6 is amended as attached.**


BRIAN F. KENNEY
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: 4/22, 2026

CM/ECF POLICY 6 -SEALED DOCUMENTS; MOTION TO REDACT A PREVIOUSLY FILED DOCUMENT

(A) Except as the presiding judge otherwise may direct, documents ordered to be filed under seal shall be filed in the ECF System in accordance with the CM/ECF Policy. A motion to file a document(s) under seal shall be filed electronically without inclusion or attachment of the confidential information or document(s) containing such confidential information. The Court may require that paper copies of the document(s) proposed for filing under seal be submitted in a sealed envelope prior to ruling on the motion. Upon granting of the motion, the order shall require ~~that paper copies of the sealed document(s) be submitted in a sealed envelope. A copy of the order shall be affixed to the sealed envelope when the sealed document is filed~~ the User to file the protected information or document(s) electronically, using the sealed document docketing event in the ECF System

(B) A Motion to Redact a Previously Filed Document must be filed and served in accordance with Rule 9037 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and its Committee Note, including, except as the Court otherwise may direct, identifying all required information that is set forth in that Rule and submitting the proposed redacted document as a separately filed attachment to the Motion, rather than including the document as part of the Motion itself.