

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)
)
Filing, Signing, Retaining and) Standing Order No. 01-6
Verification of Pleadings and)
Papers in the Case Management/)
Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF))
System)

ORDER ADOPTING CASE MANAGEMENT/ ELECTRONIC CASE FILING
PROCEDURES

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (FRCP) 83 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 5005(a)(2), 9011 and 9029, and Local Bankruptcy Rule (LBR) 5005-1, authorize this Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, maintaining, and verification of pleadings and papers by electronic means; and

The Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Retaining and Verification of Pleadings and Papers in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System (hereafter Administrative Procedures) have been reviewed by the Court; and

The Administrative Procedures are consistent with and further the responsibility of the Clerk of the Court for the control of the Court's docket under FRBP 5005, including safeguarding the integrity of the Court's docket; and

The Administrative Procedures do not impose fees inconsistent with the present fee structure adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sections 1913, 1914, 1926 and 1930; and

The Administrative Procedures provide a means for the signing of pleadings and papers through the mechanism of a password, in compliance with LBR 5005-1(C)(4) and a secure mechanism for the creation and distribution of passwords; and

The Administrative Procedures provide an adequate process for filing pleadings and papers and for accessing, reviewing and retrieving records and dockets of this Court

by parties who are not able to access the Electronic Case Filing component of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System via the Internet, thereby complying with the requirements contained in 11 U.S.C. § 107(a); and

The Administrative Procedures provide an adequate process for the protection of entities with respect to confidential, scandalous or defamatory matters as required under 11 U.S.C. § 107(b); and

The Administrative Procedures do not impair the ability of the Clerk of the Court to perform statistical reporting responsibilities both to the Court and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts; and

The Administrative Procedures are consistent with notice requirements of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Standing Order No. 01-5 is hereby rescinded. Orders, procedures and directives of the Court referencing Standing Order No. 01-5 shall be deemed to reference this order.
2. The Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Retaining and Verification of Pleadings and Papers in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System, attached as the Exhibit to this order, including the procedures for registration of attorneys, attorneys representing the United States Government, trustees and limited registrants and for distribution of passwords to permit electronic filing and notice of pleadings and other papers, are hereby adopted by the Court.
3. The original of this order shall be filed in accordance with the Administrative Procedures and conventionally with the Clerk of the Court.
4. The provisions of this order shall apply to all electronically filed cases and proceedings presently pending or closed and to all cases and proceedings filed on and after the effective date of this order in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Amendments to this order may be entered from time to time in keeping with the needs of the Court.

5. This order shall take effect on January 1, 2002.

Dated: November 1, 2001.

/s/ Douglas O. Tice, Jr.
DOUGLAS O. TICE, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE

/s/ David H. Adams
DAVID H. ADAMS
JUDGE

/s/ Stephen S. Mitchell
STEPHEN S. MITCHELL
JUDGE

/s/ Stephen C. St. John
STEPHEN C. ST. JOHN
JUDGE

/s/ Robert G. Mayer
ROBERT G. MAYER
JUDGE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Retaining
and Verification of Pleadings and Papers in the
Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System

Exhibit to Standing Order No. 01-6

January 2002

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

I. DESIGNATION OF CASES, PASSWORDS AND REGISTRATION FOR THE CASE MANAGEMENT/ELECTRONIC CASE FILING SYSTEM

A. Designation of Cases

The provisions of these Administrative Procedures shall apply to all electronically filed cases and proceedings presently pending, or closed and to all cases and proceedings filed on and after January 1, 2002.

B. Passwords

Each: attorney admitted to practice in this Court and currently in good standing, attorney representing the United States Government, trustee and limited registrant shall be eligible to receive login and password for participation in the Internet retrieval and filing of petitions, motions, memoranda of law, or other pleadings, documents and papers (hereafter filing(s)) in accordance with the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (hereafter CM/ECF).

C. Registration

1. A registration form, in the form approved by the Clerk of the Court, shall be prepared by and submitted for each: attorney described in paragraph I.B. above, attorney representing the United States Government, trustee and limited registrant (hereafter registrant) in CM/ECF. From time to time, the Clerk of the Court may direct a registrant to resubmit an executed registration form.
2. All registration forms shall be mailed or delivered to the divisional office, at the address indicated therein, where the attorney practices the majority of the time, and where the attorney representing the United States Government and trustee are assigned the majority of cases. Registration for attorneys representing the United States Government shall be determined on a case-by-case basis if that person is not assigned a majority of cases in any division of the Court. A limited registrant shall mail or deliver the registration form, at the address indicated therein, to the CM/ECF Help Desk.
3. After completion of training with an employee of the Clerk of the Court, each registrant will receive a login and password for the online training system and for limited CM/ECF inquiry purposes. No later than 30 days following the above-described training, the registrant shall complete the online training and contact the Clerk

of the Court for full activation of the registrant's CM/ECF password.¹ Once the Clerk of the Court activates a registrant's CM/ECF password, the registrant becomes a registered participant in CM/ECF (hereafter registered participant).

4. Any password issued for electronic filing, via the Internet, shall be used exclusively and without exception by the registered participant to whom the password is assigned and an employee(s) of such person to whom proper authorization has been given by the registered participant. No registered participant shall knowingly permit a password to be used by anyone who is not authorized to use the password and no person shall knowingly use the password of a registered participant unless such person is so authorized. If an employee of a registered participant no longer serves in such a capacity, the registered participant shall forthwith select and activate a new password as provided for in CM/ECF.
5. A registered participant may withdraw or be required to withdraw from participation in the Internet ECF filing component of CM/ECF, for cause, on order of the Court. The registered participant shall provide a copy of the Court order to the CM/ECF Help Desk. Upon receipt of the Court order, the CM/ECF Help Desk will initiate a procedure approved by the Clerk of the Court, which governs withdrawal of registered participants from the Internet filing component of CM/ECF. Once all of the requirements set forth in the procedures have been met, the CM/ECF Help Desk will immediately cancel the registered participant's password and will delete the name of the registered participant from any applicable electronic service list. A registered participant who is an attorney still must follow the procedure set out in LBR 2090-1(G) to withdraw as counsel of record.
6. A limited registrant is defined as a person who is eligible to file only a proof of claim form, via the Internet component of CM/ECF, with the Clerk of the Court and any other person who may be authorized by the Court to so register for other, limited purposes.

¹ The Clerk of the Court may delegate activities set forth in the Administrative Procedures to deputy clerks appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(b).

II. FILING AND SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

A. Filing

1. Filing Requirements

- a. Except as expressly provided for in paragraph III.A. below and in exceptional circumstances which prevent a registered participant from effecting a filing via the Internet component of CM/ECF, all filings required to be filed with the Clerk of the Court in connection with a case assigned to CM/ECF² shall be filed as follows: (1) registered participants shall effect all filings electronically via the Internet; (2) non-registered participant parties with legal representation shall effect filings electronically through submission of a 3.5-inch computer diskette (disk) specified in the format provided for in the “Notice of Electronic Filing Procedure”³; and (3) parties without legal representation shall effect filings conventionally and must adhere to the requirements set forth in the “Notice of Electronic Filing Procedure” dealing with conventional filings. A copy of the notice is attached to these Administrative Procedures.
- b. Electronic filings, via the Internet, are considered timely if filed with the Clerk of the Court prior to midnight on the date set as a deadline, unless the presiding judge specifically requires an earlier filing time.
- c. All references to time contained in these Administrative Procedures are to Eastern Standard or Eastern Daylight Savings Time; whichever is in place at the time a filing is effected.
- d. A *conventional filing* is defined as a filing submitted in paper form.
- e. An *electronic filing* is defined as a filing submitted either via the Internet or in disk form.

² Cases administered in the National Integrated Bankruptcy System (NIBS), which have been filed with the Clerk of the Court prior to January 1, 2002, shall continue to be administered solely by conventional filings, even after migration of the NIBS electronic docket data to the CM component of CM/ECF, through and including closing, except as required by LBR 1007-1(I). Registered and non-registered participants with legal representation and parties without legal representation shall continue to effect filings in these cases conventionally.

³ A “Notice of Electronic Filing Procedure”, in the form approved by the Clerk of the Court, is generated in all cases and accompanies the “Notice of the Meeting of Creditors.” A copy of the “Notice of Electronic Filing Procedure” is attached to these Administrative Procedures.

2. Accessibility for Filing via the Internet

If the filer cannot access CM/ECF via the Internet to effect a filing, the filer shall contact the appropriate divisional office and speak with a deputy clerk to confirm that CM/ECF is not accessible, to state why an immediate filing is necessary and to make suitable arrangements with the Clerk of the Court for the filing to take place. After submission of the filing to the Clerk of the Court and when CM/ECF is accessible, a deputy clerk will effect the electronic entry and docketing of the filing.

3. Filing Documents with Exhibits and Attachments Under One Docket Entry Number

All documents with exhibits and attachments capable of electronic imaging and filing shall be electronically filed together under one entry number.

4. Exhibits/Attachments to Documents

Except as the presiding judge in a case may otherwise direct, exhibits/attachments to documents – including but not limited to leases, notes and the like, which are not available in electronic form, shall be electronically imaged (i.e., scanned) and filed in the format specified in the “Notice of Electronic Filing Procedure.”

5. Large Documents

Electronic filings effected via the Internet should not be more than one (1) megabyte in size. Transmission time for effecting such filings is time sensitive. Filings that take more than five (5) minutes to transmit, for security reasons, will time out. If a filing is larger than one (1) megabyte and if any portion of the filing has been scanned, the filing document should be no more than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, without color and the resolution should not exceed 300 DPI. If making these adjustments does not reduce the filing size to one (1) megabyte or less, the filer will make suitable arrangements with the Clerk of the Court to effect the filing.

6. Expedited Matters

- a. Richmond, Newport News and Norfolk – Attorneys shall contact the courtroom deputy for the presiding judge by telephone after such expedited matter is filed.

- b. Alexandria – Attorneys shall contact the Judge’s chambers by telephone after such expedited matter is filed.

7. Effect of Electronic Filing

Effecting an electronic filing, via the Internet, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures shall constitute entry of that filing on the docket kept by the Clerk of the Court under FRBP 5003. All orders, decrees, judgments and proceedings of the Court will be entered in accordance with the Administrative Procedures, which shall constitute entry on the docket record kept by the Clerk of the Court under FRPB 5003 and for purposes of FRBP 9021.

B. Service

1. All registered participants shall maintain a current and active e-mail address to receive notification in CM/ECF.
2. Whenever a filing is effected via the Internet, by disk or conventionally, a “Notice of Electronic Filing” will be transmitted by e-mail to all parties in the case or proceeding who are registered participants.
3. The filer shall serve a filing upon all persons entitled to notice or service in accordance with the applicable rules, or, if service by first class mail is permitted under the rules, the filer may make service in accordance with subparagraph II.B.4. below.
4. Pursuant to FRBP 9036, a registered participant consents to receive notice and service by electronic means, which shall constitute proper service. If the recipient of notice or service is a registered participant, service of the “Notice of Electronic Filing” shall be the equivalent of service of the filing by first class mail, postage prepaid.

C. Signatures; Affidavits of Service

1. Registered Attorneys and Parties with Legal Representation

All filings, which (a) must contain original signatures (b) require verification under FRBP 1008 or (c) contain an unsworn declaration as provided in 28 U.S.C § 1746, shall be filed electronically or in accordance with the “Notice of Electronic Filing Procedure.” Originally executed copies must be retained by the filer until three (3) years after the closing of the case unless the Court orders a different period. This retention period does not

affect or replace any other retention periods required by other applicable laws or rules. Upon request of the Court, the filer must provide original documents for review.⁴

2. Electronic Filing of Documents

A filing effected electronically, via the Internet, by a registered participant constitutes that person's signature under FRBP 9011 and LBR 5005-1(C)(4). For purposes of FRBP 9011, the filing shall indicate a signature with the filing party's name typed in full, e.g. /s/ Jane Doe, followed by the filer's typewritten name. An attorney shall indicate a signature in the same manner, e.g. /s/ Jane Doe and, in addition, for purposes of LBR 5005-1(C)(5), must provide the attorney's State Bar number, complete mailing address, telephone number and the name of the party the attorney represents.

3. Pro Se Filers

All conventional filings, which (a) must contain original signatures, (b) require verification under FRBP 1008 or (c) contain an unsworn declaration as provided in 28 U.S.C § 1746, must be submitted with full signature. The Clerk of the Court will scan these documents, and the originals shall be retained until three (3) years after the closing of the case unless the Court orders otherwise. This retention period does not affect or replace any other retention periods required by other applicable laws or rules.

D. Fees Payable to the Clerk of the Court

1. Registered Participants

For filings that require a fee, application for authorization of credit card payment, in the form approved by the Clerk of the Court, must have been delivered to the divisional office where the attorney most frequently practices.

2. Non-Registered Participants

For filings that require a fee, current rules for methods of payments must be followed.

⁴ Parties without legal representation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

E. Orders

1. In order to facilitate the entry of the order, the party presenting the proposed order shall provide the presiding judge with a 3.5-inch floppy disk containing the proposed order in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format together with any attachment, exhibit or related document to be electronically entered in connection therewith. All signed orders (including, without limitation, orders to show cause) shall be entered electronically by the Clerk of the Court or by the presiding judge in the case. All requirements under LBR 9022-1(B) with regard to the list of parties, copies of orders, and envelopes must be followed, unless the party to be served is a registered participant in CM/ECF. For registered participants in CM/ECF, no envelope is required, as electronic notice will constitute service.
2. Reserved.

F. Docketing of Pleadings or Other Documents via the Internet

The registered participant effecting a filing, via the Internet, is responsible for docketing the filing by selecting the appropriate event from the list of docketing events in CM/ECF.

III. CONVENTIONAL FILING OF DOCUMENTS; EXCEPTIONS TO ELECTRONIC FILINGS

A. Conventional Filings

The following documents shall be filed conventionally unless specifically authorized by the Court:

1. Documents to be Filed under Seal

A motion to file a document(s) under seal shall be filed electronically; however, the actual document(s) to be filed under seal shall be filed conventionally. If the motion itself contains confidential information, the movant shall file and serve electronically, a redacted version clearly marked as such and shall submit the unredacted version *in camera*. If requested by the Court, the movant shall deliver hard copies of the documents proposed to be filed under seal to the presiding judge for *in camera* review. The order of the Court authorizing the filing of such document(s) under seal shall be entered electronically by the Clerk of the Court or the presiding judge and shall indicate that the

motion to file document(s) under seal has been “so ordered” in accordance with paragraph II.E. above.

2. Trial Exhibits

Trial Exhibits shall be filed conventionally in accordance with the Local Bankruptcy Rules.

3. Transcripts

Transcripts shall be filed conventionally in accordance with the Local Bankruptcy Rules.

4. Filers Without Ability to File by Computer Diskette

- a. An attorney may file a “Request for Waiver to File Conventionally” form seeking Court permission not to submit a petition(s) or document(s) for filing on a disk due to the attorney’s financial constraints and the inability to access the equipment necessary to comply with the requirements set out in subparagraph II.A.1. above. A copy of the form is attached to these Administrative Procedures. Attorneys who do not have the ability to file electronically by disk shall be deemed by the Court not to have the ability to make filings electronically via the Internet.
- b. An attorney granted a waiver to file conventionally must make such a filing in accordance with the Court’s Local Bankruptcy Rules. The Clerk of the Court will process any such filing pursuant to filing procedures.
- c. An attorney granted a waiver to file conventionally may scan paper documents to a disk using scanning equipment that is available to the Bar and public in the public areas of each division of the Court. The Clerk of the Court will process the filing submitted on a disk pursuant to filing procedures.
- d. A party without legal representation is required to file conventionally in accordance with the Court’s Local Bankruptcy Rules. The Clerk of the Court will process any such filing pursuant to filing procedures.

B. Service of Conventional or 3.5-Inch Floppy Disk Filings

Pleadings or other documents that are filed conventionally, or electronically on 3.5-inch floppy disks, shall be served in the manner provided for, and on those parties entitled to notice, in accordance with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules except as otherwise provided by order of the Court.

IV. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE CM/ECF DOCKET

A. Internet Access

1. As of July 1, 2001, Internet access to CM/ECF at the Court's Internet web site is no longer available without a login and password issued by the Public Access to Electronic Records Center (PACER). Any person or organization other than those referred to in paragraph I.B., with a valid PACER login and password, may access the System at the Court's Internet site: <http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov/ecfnew.htm>. A PACER login and password can be secured by contacting the PACER Service Center to establish an account. Registration may be made online at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> or by calling the PACER Service Center at (800) 676-6856 or (210) 301-6440. Such access to CM/ECF through the Internet web site will allow retrieval of the docket sheet and documents. Access to CM/ECF will be on a "read only" basis.
2. Registered participants receiving a "Notice of Electronic Filing" via e-mail in a case will not be charged for an initial, one-time retrieval, of a filing download, viewing or printing of a document when accessing the document directly from the e-mail notification.

B. Public Access at the Court

During regular business hours, electronic access is available at each division of the Court, at no charge, for viewing documents and docket records filed in CM/ECF.

C. Conventional Copies and Certified/Exemplified Copies

Conventional and certified/exemplified copies of electronically filed documents may be purchased at each division of the Court. The fee for copying and certification/exemplification will be in accordance with the fee charged by the copy service and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

D. Access Charges

Charges required by the Judicial Conference of the United States, as set out at 28 U.S.C. § 1930, for electronic access to Court records, are assessed in accordance with the fees and procedures established by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

E. Security of System

Each filing effected via the Internet shall be assigned a special identification number, which can be traced as required, to detect post-filing alterations to the document.

F. Antiviral Software

All registered participants who retrieve and effect filings must have purchased, installed, utilized and daily updated antiviral software at all locations from which CM/ECF is accessed for such purposes. All disks also must be checked for viruses and worms before such disks are submitted for filing to the Clerk of the Court or submitted to a judge for any purpose.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ELECTRONIC CASE FILING (CM/ECF)
SYSTEM
FULL PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM**

Live System

This form is to be used to register for FULL FILING PRIVILEGES for filing documents via the Internet component of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (hereafter CM/ECF), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. A registered participant will have the privilege to file documents via the Internet with the Clerk's Office.

The following information is required for CM/ECF registration:

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Bar ID #: _____

State of Admission: _____

Firm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Voice Phone Number: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

By signing and submitting this registration form, I agree to abide by the following requirements:

1. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9011 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1(C)(4), every pleading, motion and other paper (except lists, schedules, statements or amendments thereto) shall be signed by at least one attorney of record and that signatures shall be indicated by "/s/" and the typed name of the person signing in the following format: "/s/ Jane Smith" on the signature line. My password constitutes my signature.

2. The login and password for filing via the Internet shall be used exclusively by me and by any of my employees to whom I give authorization. I will not knowingly permit my login and password to be used by anyone who is not so authorized.
3. I will select and activate a new password in CM/ECF if an employee of mine who has been authorized to use my login and password no longer serves in such a capacity.
4. I will contact the CM/ECF Help Desk at 1-888-271-8610 to report any suspected compromise of my password.
5. I will receive service of documents and any docket activity electronically pursuant to FRBP 9036, where service of documents is otherwise permitted by first class mail. In so doing, I agree to maintain a current and active e-mail address to receive notification in CM/ECF.
6. I will abide by all of the requirements set forth in the "Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Maintaining and Verifying Pleadings and Papers in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System" currently in effect, and any changes or additions that later may be made.

Applicant Name (*please print*)

Applicant Signature

Last 4 Digits of SS # (*for security purposes*)

Deputy Clerk Of USBC
(*to be signed upon receipt of application*)

Mail or deliver this completed form to the divisional office in which you will participate in CM/ECF the majority of the time.

Alexandria -

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Attn: DQA Team
P.O. Box 19247
Alexandria VA 22320-0247
(200 South Washington St.)

Richmond -

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Attn: DQA
1100 East Main Street, Suite 301
Richmond VA 23219

Norfolk and
Newport News

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Attn: DQA Team
P.O. Box 1938
Norfolk VA 23501-1938
(600 Granby St., 4th Floor)

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

**CASE MANAGEMENT/ELECTRONIC CASE FILING (CM/ECF)
SYSTEM
LIMITED PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM**

Live System

This form is to be used to register for LIMITED FILING PRIVILEGES for filing documents via the Internet component of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (hereafter CM/ECF), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Limited filing privileges shall include the authorization to file via the Internet proofs of claim with the Clerk's Office. Additional privileges may be added at the discretion of the Clerk.

The following information is required for CM/ECF registration:

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Agency/Company _____

Mailing Address: _____

Voice Phone Number: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

By signing and submitting this registration form, I agree to abide by the following requirements:

1. Signatures on proofs of claim shall be indicated by "/s/" and the typed name of the person signing in the following format: "/s/ Jane Smith" on the signature line. My password constitutes my signature.
2. The login and password for filing via the Internet shall be used exclusively by me and by any of my employees to whom I give authorization. I will not knowingly permit my login and password to be used by anyone who is not so authorized.

3. I will select and activate a new password in CM/ECF if an employee of mine who has been authorized to use my login and password no longer serves in such a capacity,
4. I will contact the CM/ECF Help Desk at 1-888-271-8610 to report any suspected compromise of my password.
5. I will to abide by all of the requirements set forth in the “Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Maintaining and Verifying Pleadings and Papers in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System” currently in effect, and any changes or additions that later may be made.

Applicant Name (*please print*)

Applicant Signature

Last 4 Digits of SS # (*for security purposes*)

Deputy Clerk Of USBC
(*to be signed upon receipt of application*)

Mail or deliver this completed form to our Richmond divisional office:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Attn: ACC Team
1100 East Main Street, Suite 301
Richmond VA 23219

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING PROCEDURE

Case name:

Case number:

Date Filed:

The above case, which has been filed in this court, can be accessed electronically via the Court's Internet site at <http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov> or <http://ecf.vaeb.uscourts.gov>. In compliance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9011 and in accordance with the "Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Retaining and Verification of Pleadings and Papers in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System" Exhibit (hereafter Administrative Procedures), which is incorporated by reference in Standing "Order Adopting Case Management/Electronic Case Filing Procedures" (No.01-6), the registered participant's password shall constitute the signature of that person; therefore, security of a registered participant's password is the responsibility of that person. **An original signed copy of the filing shall be retained in the registered participant's files in accordance with the Administrative Procedures.**

Parties with legal representation **must** file documents in accordance with the following:

1. The requirements for filing, viewing and retrieving case documents are: A personal computer running Netscape navigator software version 4.6x or 4.7x, Adobe Acrobat 4.0 or later software to convert documents from a word processor format to a portable document format (PDF), and an Internet Service Provider (ISP) using Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP). The URL address is www.vaeb.uscourts.gov and a password is needed to access this system. Please contact the Court for further assistance. If you are **unable** to comply with these requirements, **then**
2. You must submit your documents on a diskette using PDF format. The Adobe Acrobat software will provide this format. Further instruction may be found in Adobe's manual. Use a separate diskette for each filing. Submit the diskette in an envelope with the case name, case number, type and title of document, and the file name on the diskette. If you are **unable** to comply with these requirements or the requirements set forth in item number 1 above, **then**
3. You must submit your documents on a diskette using one of the following formats: Word, WordPerfect, or DOS text (ASCII). If you are **unable** to comply with this requirement, the requirements set forth in item number 2, or the requirements set forth in item number 1, above, **then**
4. You must file a "Request for Waiver to File Conventionally" as provided for in the Administrative Procedures to indicate your inability to file by diskette. You then may file conventionally on unstapled, unbound, 8 1/2 x 11" single-sided paper. Documents must be submitted with full signature(s), and will be scanned by the Clerk's Office. The scanned file will constitute the original signature(s). **Include your "Request for Waiver to File Conventionally" with your filing.**

Important Note: All parties without legal representation may file documents conventionally in accordance with the Local Bankruptcy Rules.

William C. Redden

Dated:
VAN-062

Clerk of Court

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

_____ **Division**

In re

Case No. _____

Debtor(s)

Chapter _____

REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO FILE CONVENTIONALLY

_____ hereby request(s) that the Court waive the requirement of submitting the filing, more specifically described as _____ by computer diskette, as required by Standing Order No. 01-6.

Due to financial constraints and the inability to access the equipment necessary to comply with this requirement, the undersigned requests that the above-identified document(s) be submitted for conventional filing.

The undersigned acknowledges that should the Court obtain information which indicates that the undersigned did not accurately represent the basis for requesting the waiver, the matter will be referred to the judge presiding over the case for appropriate action, which may include sanctions against the party making the false certification or an order striking the pleading or other paper without further notice.

Signature of Attorney
State Bar No.
Address & Telephone No.

For: _____

Date: _____