

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

**IN RE: Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure,
*Electronic Case Filing***

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 16th day of May 2002, it appearing to the court that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(e) authorizes the Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, serving and verification of documents by electronic means, and that the Office of the Clerk of Court of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has been selected by the Judicial Conference of the United States to implement an electronic case filing ("ECF") system,

AND, it appearing that this Court is vested with authority, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(b) and §2077 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83, to promulgate Local Civil Rules not inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable statutes, the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on March 25, 2002, approved for publication and solicitation of comment, the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, establishing practices and procedures for the filing, signing, serving and verification of documents by electronic means,

AND, it appearing that in order to implement the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, the judges of the court, also on March 25, 2002, approved for publication and solicitation of comment, Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, incorporating the provisions of the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*,

AND, it further appearing that comments were received in response to the publication of notice and solicitation of comment, and that the judges of the court reviewed and considered said comments, it is hereby

ORDERED that, in accordance with the Resolution approved by the judges of this Court on May 13, 2002, Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, *Electronic Case Filing*, will apply to all cases designated for ECF and will read as follows:

Rule 5.1.2 *Electronic Case Filing* -- All cases filed in this court may be assigned to the Electronic Case Filing ("ECF") System in accordance with the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference, and which may be amended from time to time by the court.

Therefore, this 16th day of May 2002, it is hereby

ORDERED that, until further Order of the court, Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure is approved and adopted concurrent with approval of the *ECF Procedural Order*, a copy of which is attached to this Order, effective immediately.

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court transmit a copy of Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and make said Rule available to the bar and public.

FOR THE COURT:

JAMES T. GILES,
Chief Judge