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Announcements

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April 2003

IMPORTANT: Notice to Customers Making Payment by Check

Authorization to Convert Your Check: Beginning April 2003, each payment made by check will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). EFT refers to a process by which we (through the authorized representatives of our Bank) electronically instruct your financial institution to transfer funds from your account to the PACER Service Center. By sending your completed, signed check, you authorize the PACER Service Center to copy your check and to use the account information to make a transfer from your account equal to the amount printed on the check. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, the PACER Service Center will process the copy of your check.

Insufficient Funds: The electronic transfer of funds from your account will usually occur within 24 hours, which is faster than the normal processing time. If the transfer cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, two additional attempts will be made to make the transfer. If the transaction ultimately fails, we will charge you a one-time fee of \$35, which we will also collect by EFT.

Transaction Information: Although the EFT will be appropriately documented on the account statement you receive from your financial institution, the transfer may be reflected in a different place from where your checks normally appear—for example, under “other withdrawals” or “other transactions.” Also, because the check is never sent to your financial institution, you will not receive your original check back. The original will be destroyed, although a copy will be maintained for record keeping purposes.

Your Rights: You should contact your financial institution immediately if you believe that an EFT reported on your account statement was not properly authorized or is otherwise incorrect. Consumers have protections under the Federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act for an unauthorized or incorrect electronic fund transfer.

A Privacy Statement explaining the purposes and routine uses which will be made of your check information is available from our internet site at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>, or call 1-800-676-6856 to obtain a copy by mail. Furnishing the check information is voluntary but a decision not to do so will require you to make payment by some other method.

Other Billing Info

For your convenience, the PACER Service Center accepts Discover, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Login to the Account Information section at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> to pay by credit card.

The PACER Service continues to accept credit card payments by phone. Call (800) 676-6856 to pay by credit card over the phone.

Payment for balances less than \$10 will automatically be deferred until the balance is \$10 or more. No phone call is necessary.

The PACER Service Center’s Federal Tax Identification Number is 74-2747938.

Questions or Comments? Email pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or call (800) 676-6856

Fee for District Court CM/ECF

The Judicial Conference approved an Internet access fee of \$.07 per page in 1998. Effective July 1, 2002, this fee was applied to district court CM/ECF systems. See below for a listing of district court CM/ECF sites. The fee has been in place for bankruptcy CM/ECF systems since July 1, 2001.

Price Reduction for Large Documents

A recent decision by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts limits the charge for a single document to the fee for 30 pages from all PACER, RACER, or CM/ECF sites. Effective April 1, 2002, the maximum charge for a document obtained from the PACER system is \$2.10. This cap applies only to imaged documents and not to docket sheets or reports. Each attachment in CM/ECF sites is considered an individual document, to which the cap will independently apply.

The federal judiciary's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) project is designed to replace aging electronic docketing and case management systems in more than 200 bankruptcy, district and appellate courts by 2005. CM/ECF will also provide courts the capability to have case file documents in electronic format, and to accept filings over the Internet. Currently, there are 58 established CM/ECF sites, 14 district and 44 bankruptcy:



U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

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Alabama Middle
Alabama Southern
Arkansas Eastern
Arkansas Western
Arizona
California Southern
Colorado
Delaware
Florida Middle
Georgia Northern
Illinois Northern
Illinois Southern
Indiana Northern
Iowa Northern
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New York Eastern
New York Northern

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U.S. District Courts

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IMPORTANT: CM/ECF has been tested and works correctly with Netscape 4.6x, Netscape 4.7x and Internet Explorer 5.5.

General Info

The PACER Service Center will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day and July 4 for Independence Day.

The PACER Service Center hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST.