

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

In re:

ELECTRONIC FILING

GENERAL ORDER ADOPTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES GOVERNING
ELECTRONIC FILING

The court finds as follows:

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 5005(a)(2) and 9029 authorize this Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing and verification of pleadings and papers by electronic means.

This Court has contracted with CourtWatch, L.L.C., to provide an electronic filing system for the filing of documents with the Court by electronic media and to provide for the integration of such delivery system with the Court's current filing and retrieval system, and use of the password assigned by CourtWatch shall constitute the signature and certification as provided by Local Rule 5005-4(8)(a);

The electronic filing of documents is consistent with and furthers the responsibility of the clerk of the court for the control of the court's docket under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5005, including safeguarding the integrity of the Court's docket;

The electronic filing of documents does 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 1930;

CourtWatch, L.L.C., through the website www.CourtWatch.com provides a means for the signature on documents through the mechanism of a password and a secure mechanism for the creation and distribution of passwords; and

The electronic filing of documents is consistent with the notice requirements of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Administrative Procedures Governing Electronic Filing ("Electronic Filing Procedures"), are approved by the Court;

2. CourtWatch, L.L.C. through the website at www.CourtWatch.com shall establish appropriate procedures for signing, filing, and verifying documents by electronic means and registration of attorneys and distribution of passwords to permit electronic filing and notice of pleadings and other

documents pursuant to the Electronic Filing Procedures and the Local Rules of this Court;

3. Any documents filed electronically will receive an electronic file stamp and confirmation of filing via www.CourtWatch.com . The electronic filing stamp electronically fixed in the left margin of the document displaying a date and time stamp will be the official filing date;

4. Until such time as the court has fully implemented CM/ECF, a Filing User may file either electronically or conventionally, notwithstanding Local Rule 5005(4)(1)(b); however, registration does obligate a Filing User to receive electronic notice as provided by Local Rule 55005(4)(a).

This 22nd day of February, 2002.

s/ J. Rich Leonard

J. Rich Leonard
Chief Judge

s/ A. Thomas Small

A. Thomas Small
Judge