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Eastern District of Oklahoma

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General Order No. 45

O R D E R

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures 5005(a)(2), 9029 and 9036 authorize this Court to establish Practices and Procedures for filing, signing, maintaining and verifications of pleadings and paper by electronic means.

Whereas, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma implemented its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) with the operational date of March 1, 2004 and

Whereas, the Judge of this Court has implemented Administrative Procedures necessary to the operation of the CM/ECF system in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma and,

Whereas, the Judge of this Court has determined that the Administrative Processes of this Court will best be served by requiring all attorneys, who practice before this Court, to file all documents electronically using the CM/ECF system.

IT IS SO THEREFORE ORDERED that all pleadings and documents required to be filed with the Court, shall be electronically filed effective **October 1, 2004**. Effective October 1, 2004, all pleadings filed with this Court by attorneys must be filed electronically using an internet connection. Attorneys who file paper documents with the Court after September 30, 2004 may be issued an order to Show Cause as to why they cannot file electronically and will be requested to appear before this Court.

Exceptions to this required procedure for electronic filing documents and pleadings include:

1. Documents under seal.
2. Pleadings and/or documents submitted by parties without legal representation.
3. Proofs of Claim filed by creditors who are not represented by attorneys and who are not registered users of CM/ECF.
4. Any additional exception to this Rule shall only be granted by specific order of this Court under extraordinary circumstances and requires that a motion be filed with the Court, outlining the basis of the request for the exception.

Further, a public access room will be available to attorneys and non-attorneys filers to assist all individuals in their ability to submit documents electronically. The public access room is located on the Second Floor of the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and is open during regular business hours.

This order supplements, but does not supersede the Miscellaneous Order #43 filed in this Court on February 26, 2004, with the effective date of March 1, 2004.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2004.



TOM R. CORNISH
United States Bankruptcy Judge