

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**In Re:** )  
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**MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING** )  
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**STANDING ORDER**

It appearing to the court that documents that are not electronically prepared and filed result in delay and significant and unnecessary work being imposed upon the limited resources of the court, on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, it was ORDERED that effective September 1, 2005, all pleadings and documents required to be filed with the court, in connection with a case assigned to the court's Electronic Case Filing ("ECF") System, shall be electronically filed, and that electronic filing shall mean filed over the internet using the court's ECF System. This requirement remains in effect.

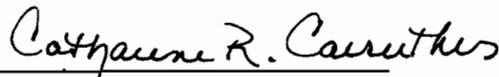
The exceptions to this required procedure for electronically filing documents and pleadings were listed in the order of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and the exceptions are hereby amended. Effective, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the exceptions include:

- (1) Documents under seal which shall be submitted in accordance with Local Rule 5005-4(6).
- (2) Pleadings and/or documents submitted by parties without legal representation.
- (3) Proofs of Claim and Transfers of Claim filed by a creditor who is not a registered user of ECF. Proofs of Claim and Transfers of Claim may be filed electronically in accordance with Local Rule 3001-1.
- (4) Filer's internet failure. Filers experiencing internet failure shall submit a pleading and/or documents on a CD in PDF format with an "Affidavit and Request to File" attached. The Clerk's office will electronically file the pleading and/or document on behalf of the filer.
- (5) Court's internet failure. If a filer attempts to electronically file a pleading and/or document but cannot do so because ECF is not accessible, the filer shall print the notification that ECF is not accessible, and submit it with the pleading and/or document to be filed on a CD in PDF format.

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.



William L. Stocks  
United States Bankruptcy Judge



Catharine R. Carruthers  
United States Bankruptcy Judge



Thomas W. Waldrep, Jr.  
United States Bankruptcy Judge