UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN RE:	/	
Electronic Document Deemed Official Record	/	STANDING ORDER 2003-1

ORDER DEEMING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT OFFICIAL RECORD

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that a case management system with an electronic filing component commonly referred to within the Federal Judiciary as CM/ECF has been adopted by Federal Judiciary as the official case management system for the federal bankruptcy courts, and that such system has been adopted by this Court at the urging and with the assistance of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that this Court and all other federal bankruptcy courts are being encouraged by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to make electronic filing available to the parties served by the courts; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the Court's annual operating expenses would be reduced by accepting documents filed in electronic form, and by transforming documents initially tendered in paper form to electronic form; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the Court's automation technology is capable of reliably processing and storing all documents filed in cases brought before the Court for disposition to the same extent as is currently being performed with respect to documents tendered to the Court in paper form; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the interests and administration of this Court will be more efficiently served by documents being processed and stored in electronic form than in paper form; it is

ORDERED that commencing on January 1, 2004, a document filed with the court electronically or reproduced electronically by the Court from paper form shall constitute the official Court record of such document.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: 12/29/03

William L. Stocks
Chief Judge