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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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11 In Re:

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13 PRISON ELECTRONIC FILING
14 INITIATIVE

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16 GENERAL ORDER NO. 06-16

17 The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (the
18 Court), the Washington Department of Corrections (WDOC), and the Washington Office
19 of the Attorney General (WOAG) have performed a comprehensive evaluation of the
20 one-year electronic filing pilot project (Pilot Project), commenced on June 1, 2015, and
21 have determined that the practices established under this pilot project have increased
22 efficiencies in *pro se* prisoner filings and saved costs to prisoner litigants, the WDOC,
23 and the Court by reducing expenses for paper, envelopes, copying, postage, and staff
24 time.
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27 **THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**
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1 1. The Prisoner E-Filing Initiative established by the pilot project under
2 General Order No. 02-15 of this Court is adopted in full and remains **mandatory** for all
3 prisoner litigants incarcerated at facilities actively engaged in the Prisoner E-Filing
4 Initiative.
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6 2. The Prisoner E-Filing Initiative shall be expanded to include all WDOC
7 facilities in the State of Washington, at a schedule to be agreed upon by the Court, the
8 WDOC and WOAG. Immediate expansion is anticipated to include Coyote Ridge
9 Correctional Center, Airway Heights Correctional Center, and Monroe Correctional
10 Complex (MCC).
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12 3. The Agreement to accept delivery of service documents via electronic mail
13 (e-mail), as signed by the representative of the WOAG, is incorporated into the Prisoner
14 E-Filing Initiative and attached hereto as Exhibit No.1.
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16 4. The Clerk of Court is authorized to develop, implement, publish, and
17 modify as necessary additional administrative procedures to manage the Prisoner E-Filing
18 Initiative.
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20 This General Order shall become effective June 1, 2016. The Court or WDOC
21 may terminate the E-Filing Pilot Project at any time.
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23 **Dated:** May 20, 2016.
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26 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
27 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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