

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

PROVISIONS FOR ELECTRONIC
CASE FILING

GENERAL ORDER

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5(e) and 83, and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 49(d) authorize this court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, and verification of pleadings and papers by electronic means, and therefore,


IT IS ORDERED that:

The docketing and case management system for the Western District of Washington shall be the judiciary's Case Management and Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) Program. In conjunction with CM/ECF, the official record of the court shall be the electronic file maintained on the court's servers

2. The Clerk of Court is directed to develop electronic filing procedures to implement the district's CM/ECF program.
3. The electronic filing of a pleading or other paper in accordance with the court's electronic filing procedures shall constitute entry of that pleading or other paper on the docket kept by the Clerk of Court pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 58 and 79, and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 49 and 55.
4. The electronic filing of a petition, pleading, motion, or other paper by a registered participant or an authorized user of the participant's login and password shall constitute the signature of that participant under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.
5. The court shall enter all orders, decrees, judgments, and proceedings of the court in accordance with the electronic filing procedures, which shall constitute entry of the order, decree, judgment, or proceeding on the docket kept by the Clerk of Court.
6. Participation in the CM/ECF system by registration and receipt of a login and password from the Clerk of Court shall constitute consent to the electronic service of pleadings and other papers pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

7 The original of this order shall be posted on the court's website and maintained conventionally with the Clerk of Court.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2003.



HON. JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court
Western District of Washington