

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**In re:** )  
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**Exemption from the** ) **Misc. Proc. #22-214**  
**Electronic Public Access Fees** )  
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**ORDER**

On January 18, 2022, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (“Court”) upgraded its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (“CM/ECF”) to the Next Generation of CM/ECF (“NextGen”). This upgrade provides users with several benefits including Central Sign-On, which allows e-filing attorneys to use one PACER login and password to access any NextGen court (district, appellate, and bankruptcy) in which they practice. In light of the changes made regarding the NextGen upgrade, it is necessary to provide those entities that were granted PACER exemptions prior to the NextGen upgrade, exemption from PACER fees for the entities’ individual user accounts.

*AND NOW*, this 27th day of June, 2022, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Chapter 7 Panel Trustees have an existing PACER exemption pursuant to General Order 2002-6. A copy of General Order 2002-6 is attached hereto as Attachment A.
2. The Chapter 7 Panel Trustees were exempt from payment of PACER fees prior to the NextGen upgrade, and thus, the Chapter 7 Panel Trustee users shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER beginning January 1, 2022.
3. The individual users of the Chapter 7 Panel Trustees shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to electronic case files.
4. The Chapter 7 Panel Trustees shall provide the Clerk a list of all exempt user accounts.
5. The Clerk shall maintain a list of exempt user accounts on the Court’s website.
6. All exempt entities are required to notify the Clerk immediately if a user’s account no longer qualifies for an exemption.
7. All exempt users are required to certify, at the Clerk’s request, that they have used their exempt account to access only case files for which the exemption applies.
8. This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time.



CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

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# **ATTACHMENT A**

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FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

General Order #2002-6

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Permanent exemption of Panel Trustees  
from Payment of Electronic Access Fees in  
the Western District of Pennsylvania

ORDER

Whereas the Court’s exemption of all Chapter 7 panel trustees in the Western District of Pennsylvania from the payment of any and all electronic access fees related to their official duties as trustees terminates on December 31, 2002

Now, THEREFORE, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002, all Chapter 7 panel trustees in the Western District of Pennsylvania are hereby exempted indefinitely from paying any and all electronic access fees related to their official duties as trustees for electronic public access to court records in this district.

The Clerk shall give appropriate Notice of this Order.

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Judith K. Fitzgerald, Chief Bankruptcy Judge

\_\_\_\_\_/S/  
Bernard Markovitz, Bankruptcy Judge

\_\_\_\_\_/S/  
M. Bruce McCullough, Bankruptcy Judge

\_\_\_\_\_/S/  
Joseph L. Cosetti, Bankruptcy Judge

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Warren W. Bentz, Bankruptcy Judge