

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS  
REQUIRED TO INITIATE A BANKRUPTCY CASE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Court proposes to reduce the number of copies of petitions, schedules, statements and plans required to initiate a bankruptcy case. The copies proposed for elimination are currently used to provide a copy to the United States Trustee, for viewing by the public at the Clerk's Office public counters, and for other case and estate administration purposes.

The cost of producing, sorting, and distributing these extra copies is significant. With the advent of the Court's Electronic Case Files (ECF) system, the specified documents are now available for viewing in electronic form at terminals located in each public counter of the Clerk's Office and from remote locations via the Court's web site ([www.caeb.uscourts.gov](http://www.caeb.uscourts.gov)).

Currently, an original and four (4) copies are required to initiate a chapter 7 case. An original and five (5) copies are required to initiate a chapter 11, 12, or 13 case.

If this proposal is adopted, an original and two (2) copies would be required to initiate a chapter 7, 12, or 13 case (one of the two required copies will be stamped and returned to the filing party as proof of filing; the other will be forwarded to the case trustee). An original and one (1) copy would be required to initiate a chapter 11 case (the copy will be stamped and returned to the filing party as proof of filing).

It is estimated that an annual savings in excess of 2.1 million pieces of paper will result from this change.

Public comment is invited. Comments should be received by close of business July 29, 2002, and should be directed to:

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FOR THE COURT  
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