

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT effective March 1, 2003, the Court will reduce the number of copies of petitions, schedules, statements and plans required to initiate a bankruptcy case. The copies that will be eliminated are currently used to provide a copy to the chapter 7, 12, and 13 case trustees. The cost of producing, sorting, and distributing these extra copies is significant. As of March 1, 2003, the specified documents will be provided to the case trustees in electronic form.

Currently, an original and two (2) copies are required to initiate chapter 7, 12, and 13 cases; however, on and after March 1, 2003, an original and one (1) copy will be required to initiate a chapter 7, 12, or 13 case (the one copy will be stamped and returned to the filing party as proof of filing). This reduction will also conform with the existing requirements for initiating a chapter 11 case (an original and one (1) copy).

Your cooperation in continuing to submit the current required number of copies between now and March 1, 2003 will be greatly appreciated and will avoid delays and difficulties in providing same to the case trustees.

Dated January 27, 2003

FOR THE COURT  
Richard G. Heltzel, Clerk