UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FEES FOR ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

January 20, 2005

The language of Item (I) of the <u>Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule</u>¹ for the appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (adopted by the Judicial Conference pursuant to sections 1913, 1914, 1926, 1930, and 1932 of title 28, United States Code), specifies the individuals and groups whom courts may exempt, upon a showing of cause, from payment of fees for electronic access to court records. They include indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, and pro bono ADR neutrals. The Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule policy notes emphasize that courts should not exempt individuals who are not members of the specified groups and limit an exemption to access only for the specific case or purpose for which it was given.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that consistent with Judicial Conference policy, members of the of the groups specified above, including bankruptcy case trustees and court-assigned Resolution Advocates under the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program, may request an exemption from payment of electronic public access fees for a fixed term (generally 12 months).

Requests for exemption from payment of electronic public access fees shall be made by written motion using the court approved <u>Motion for Exemption from Payment of Electronic Public Access Fees Prescribed By Item (I) of the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule</u> (EDC 3-960 (Rev. 1/20/05)) or similar document that substantially complies with the court approved form. Please refer to the <u>Guidelines Pertaining to Requests for Exemption from Electronic Public Access Fees</u> (Effective January 20, 2005) for additional information. The motion and supporting documents, if any, together with a proposed <u>Order Granting Exemption From Payment of the Electronic Public Access Fees Prescribed By Item (I) of the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule</u> (EDC 6-960 (Rev. 1/20/05)), should be directed to Richard G. Heltzel, Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Attention: EPA Fee Exemption Request, 501 I Street, Suite 3-200, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Pursuant to Item (I) of the <u>Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule</u>, the fee for electronic access to court data via a federal judiciary Internet site is \$.08 per page and applies to court data viewed remotely from the public records of individual cases in the court, including filed documents and the docket.