

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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GENERAL ORDER 03-1

**ACCESSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE'S FINAL REPORTS
IN CHAPTER 7 ASSET CASES AND EXEMPTION
OF FEES PERTAINING THERETO**

BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

In recognition of the Court's desire to provide notice to each creditor in a Chapter 7 liquidation case of the estimated amount of any dividend proposed to be paid by the Chapter 7 Trustee; and

In recognition that electronic access to such information could be provided through the Court's internet website and that creditors could be informed of the availability of such information through a notice generated through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC); and

In recognition that electronic access to such information would lessen the burden and costs imposed upon the Office of the Bankruptcy Clerk and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) in providing such information to creditors; and

In recognition of the fact that the utilization of such a process, without an accompanying fee exemption, would require creditors entitled to such information to tender fees in order to access the supplied information; and

In recognition of the fact that fee exemptions have been authorized by the Judicial Conference of the United States, as set forth in the Judicial Conference Advisory Notes to the Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule; and

In recognition that the issuance of such an exemption for creditors entitled to be informed about the projected dividend in Chapter 7 cases would permit the Court to utilize the most efficient, cost-effective means available by which to accomplish the dissemination of this important information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, effective immediately, any "Notice of Trustee's Final Report and Applications for Compensation" filed in a Chapter 7 asset case shall be made available to the public from this Court's external web site at www.txeb.uscourts.gov in a manner to be determined by the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and any fees which would otherwise apply to the accessibility of such information under the Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule shall be and is hereby waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fee exemption granted under this Order shall not apply in the event that a party accesses the referenced "Notice of Trustee's Final Report and Applications for Compensation" in a Chapter 7 case through the PACER system and the normal fees shall apply to such transaction, in the absence of any other applicable exemption from fees for usage of electronic access to court data previously granted by this Court.

SIGNED this 17th day of October 2003



BILL PARKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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