

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

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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GENERAL ORDER 05-1

CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
BY: DEPUTY *[Signature]*

**FEEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY
THE OFFICE OF THE BANKRUPTCY CLERK
OR FOR USAGE OF ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO COURT DATA
PERTAINING TO TITLE 18 INVESTIGATIONS**

In recognition of the necessity to protect the integrity of the bankruptcy system through vigorous prosecution of bankruptcy crimes as enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, and the necessity of providing information from bankruptcy court files to agencies of the United States charged with the investigation and prosecution of such offenses, and in recognition of the fact that such processes would be enhanced if those agencies were to be granted an exemption from the fees normally imposed by the Office of the Bankruptcy Clerk for the rendition of particular services or for electronic access to court information.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an exemption for all fees normally imposed for the usage of electronic access to court data is hereby **GRANTED** to any agency of the United States charged with the investigation and/or prosecution of bankruptcy crimes pursuant to §§151-157 of Title 18, United States Code, and which seeks to obtain information from the files of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas for the purpose of investigating possible violations of those criminal statutes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any agency seeking to utilize this exemption shall contact the Office of the Bankruptcy Clerk for information regarding the establishment of a PACER [Public Access to Court Electronic Records] account, which account shall be utilized by such agency as an initial avenue to access court information whenever possible.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the use of the electronic access to court data is insufficient for purposes of investigating possible bankruptcy crimes, a further exemption for all fees normally imposed for the reproduction of any record or paper, reproduction of any recording of proceedings, or the search of court records conducted by the Office of the Bankruptcy Clerk is hereby **GRANTED** to any agency of the United States charged with the investigation and/or prosecution of bankruptcy crimes pursuant to §§151-157 of Title 18, United States Code, and which seeks to obtain information from the files of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas for the purpose of investigating possible violations of those criminal statutes.

DATED: *April 22, 2005*

Bill Parker

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CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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