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Announcements

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Bulk Data Download

The Federal judiciary is considering adding bulk data retrieval functionality to the CM/ECF systems. The proposed functionality will be designed to allow customers to enter a bankruptcy CM/ECF location and download an XML file that contains all data from every case that was filed the previous day. In addition to new cases, the file will contain the complete case record for any case filed within the last week where the data has changed from the previous day. There will be a new file available for downloading each day. The proposed cost of the file will be one page (8 cents) for each case record in the file.

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) is soliciting comments from PACER users on their interest in this capability. The AOUSC is attempting to determine the demand as well as the scope for this functionality. Public comment will be accepted through May 31, 2005. You may submit your comments by mail, email, or fax to the following:

U.S. Mail:

PACER Service Center
Attention: Bulk Data Download
P.O. Box 780549
San Antonio, TX 78278

Email:

pacer@psc.uscourts.gov

Fax:

(210) 301-6441

Update PACER Account

Changes or updates to account information may be completed at our home page under "Account Information:"

Go to our home page <http://pacер.psc.uscourts.gov>
Select Account Information
Enter PACER login and password
Select "Change Account Information"

Other options also available under the Account Information section of our home page are Check Balance/Make Online Credit Card payment, Update Credit Card/Sign Up for Automatic Payment, Review Quarterly Statement, Change Account Password, Review Transaction History, and more.

USPCI: New Search Option

In response to requests from the public, functionality was added to the U.S. Party/Case Index that allows a customer to search by the last four digits of the Social Security Number when combined with at least three characters of the last name. Previously, the complete social security number was required. The search functionality at the individual PACER and CM/ECF sites has not changed.

To use the new functionality, login into the U.S. Party/Case Index. From the main menu, click on the "Bankruptcy" search. Enter the last four characters of the social security number along with at least three characters of the last name, then click "Search." If you are searching with the entire Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number, the party name is not required.

Helpful FAQ's

PACER Frequently Asked Questions are located at our home page <http://pacер.psc.uscourts.gov>. The FAQ's are updated on a regular basis and may help resolve some of your questions.

PACER Fee Increase

A fee increase from \$.07 per page to \$.08 per page for public access to court electronic records (PACER) was approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2004 session. The fee increase applies to all systems (CM/ECF, PACER, RACER, etc.) and became effective January 1, 2005. The 30-page cap on case-related reports and documents will remain in effect. However, the maximum cost will be \$2.40. See article below for details regarding the 30-page cap.

Cap on Case-Related Documents and Reports

The Judicial Conference, at its September 2003 session, amended the language of Section I of the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule. The previous schedule placed a cap of 30 pages for electronic access to any single document. The amendment extends this cap to include docket sheets and case-specific reports, with the exception of transcripts. The cap does not apply to case listings or name search results. While the cap applies to all systems, the transaction receipt will not reflect this change in older PACER and RACER systems and may not be reflected immediately in CM/ECF systems. During the transition period the PACER Service Center will cap eligible transaction just prior to loading them to the PACER Service Center web site each month. To view the capped transactions use the Review Transaction History option in the Account Information section. The quarterly statements will be calculated using the capped transactions.

Questions or Comments regarding information in the announcement?

Email pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or call (800) 676-6856.

Case Management

CM / ECF

Electronic Case Files

Your PACER login and password will only allow access to Queries and Reports. A court assigned filing ID must be used to file a case or file documents to a case in courts offering electronic case filing. Please contact the appropriate court to obtain a filing ID. See CM/ECF Information at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> for a listing of courts offering electronic case filing.



The PACER Service Center hours of operation are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST, Monday through Friday and is closed for Federal holidays. Remaining holidays for which the PACER Service Center will be closed are May 30 for Memorial Day, July 4 for Independence Day, September 5 for Labor Day, October 10 for Columbus Day, November 11 for Veteran's Day, November 24 for Thanksgiving, and December 26 for Christmas.

Automatic Billing

PACER users now have the option to sign up for automatic credit card billing. Customers that sign up for this option will have the amount due each quarter charged to a credit card on file with the PACER Service Center without having to visit the web site or call. Balances of \$10 or more are applied to the credit card on file just before payment is due.

At <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>
Select Account Information
Enter PACER login and password
Select "Sign Up for Automatic Payment"

It is possible to update or change the credit card information on file under this option as well.

Other Billing Info

For your convenience, the PACER Service Center accepts Discover, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Login to the Account Information section at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> to pay by credit card.

Payment for balances less than \$10 will automatically be deferred until the balance is \$10 or more. No phone call is necessary.

The PACER Service Center's Federal Tax ID Number is 74-2747938.

Effective April 1, 2004 a fee of \$45 will be assessed if a check is returned for non sufficient funds.