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3 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
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6 In re:

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8 Amending Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1 to  
9 provide for the mandatory electronic filing of  
10 claims for large volume filers

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2011-6

11 For a number of years, the court has required attorneys, examiners, and trustees to file all  
12 documents electronically. See Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1. The electronic filing of  
13 documents has proven to be very beneficial in ensuring that all documents are processed  
14 efficiently and appear on the court's docket quickly. In order to maximize the benefits of  
15 electronic filing, the court desires to extend the requirement of mandatory electronic filing to  
16 institutional creditors and other entities and individuals who file a large volume of proofs of  
17 claim with the court.

18 Those entities, institutions and individuals who file 10 or more proofs of claim in any 6  
19 month period in the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington (referred to as  
20 "Large Volume Claim Filers") will be required to obtain an Electronic Court Filing ("ECF")  
21 limited use account. Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures and Electronic Filing Procedures  
22 adopted by General Order 2008-2, a user with limited filing privileges is authorized to  
23 electronically file proofs of claims, transfer of claims, withdrawal of claims, and reaffirmations  
24 agreements with the Clerk's Office. Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1(a) will be modified as set  
25 forth below to require Large Volume Claim Filers to file electronically all documents that fall  
26 within the authority granted by their limited use account. Individuals and entities who only file  
27 an occasional proof of claim with the court will not be impacted by this change of procedure.

28 IT IS ORDERED that effective February 1, 2012, Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1(a) shall

be amended to include the following provision:

1 (1) Mandatory registration for an ECF Limited Use Account, as defined by the court's  
2 Electronic Filing Procedures, is required for all entities, institutions, and individuals who  
3 file 10 or more proofs of claim in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western  
4 District of Washington in any 6 month period. Said entities, institutions and individuals  
5 are further required to electronically file all claims, forms and other documents that fall  
6 within the authorization of the Limited Use Account.

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8 DATED: December 19, 2011

9 FOR THE COURT:

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12 Honorable Paul B. Snyder  
13 Chief Judge

14 Honorable Marc Barreca  
15 Honorable Phillip H. Brandt  
16 Honorable Timothy W. Dore  
17 Honorable Brian D. Lynch  
18 Honorable Karen A. Overstreet