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**Christopher M. Alston**  
**U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**

(Dated as of Entered on Docket date above)

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

In re:

PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND  
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED  
DOCUMENTS, AMENDING LOCAL RULE  
OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9018-1

**General Order No. 2026-2**

Federal courts have experienced an escalation in cyberattacks against the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system. New procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents are being implemented in response. These new procedures modify Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9018-1 and the process by which sealed documents will be made available.

Now, therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Court adopts the following procedures, effective the date stated above:

1. Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9018-1 continues to define the process for filing or submitting documents to the Court to be filed under seal, except as that rule is specifically modified by this Order.

2. As of April 21, 2026, documents filed under seal will no longer be accessible or viewable in CM/ECF or by electronic means. Only select members of the judicial chambers

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