

SO ORDERED




DAVID E. RICE
U. S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In Re:

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROCEDURES

MISCELLANEOUS
PROCEEDING NO. 20-90006

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23-04 RESCINDING PILOT
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT SUBMISSION SYSTEM**

In response to the state of emergency over the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19, and recognizing the need to maintain safe distancing among individuals and to take precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus, in March 2020 the Court significantly altered court operations including reducing accessibility of the Greenbelt and Baltimore Courthouses by non-court personnel. Considering the then limited accessibility of the Greenbelt and Baltimore courthouses by non-attorney individuals for the purpose of filing bankruptcy cases or filing documents, pleadings or other papers in pending bankruptcy cases, the Court implemented a pilot Electronic Document Submission System (EDSS) effective May 22, 2020, to allow non-attorney individuals to securely submit documents to the court electronically in portable document format (PDF). Implementation of the pilot EDSS was authorized solely

during the state of emergency and while the court maintained significantly limited operations as a necessary and important response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With abatement of the pandemic the court has returned to normal operations, including regular access to the Greenbelt and Baltimore courthouses. In addition, the national emergency to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic ended on April 11, 2023, when the President signed a bipartisan congressional resolution to bring it to a close.

Therefore, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Effective July 1, 2023, Administrative Order 20-12 (authorizing Pilot Electronic Document Submission System) is rescinded;
2. The Clerk shall not accept filings by EDSS effective July 1, 2023, except when the CM/ECF system is inaccessible to attorneys due to Court technical problems.

END OF ORDER