

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

STANDING ORDER AUTHORIZING DISMISSAL
OF CASE, PROCEEDING OR MATTER WHEN
INTERNET FEES DUE REMAIN UNPAID

Filing fees are due upon the filing of the petition in bankruptcy unless the debtor files with the petition an application for *in forma pauperis* status or to pay the filing fee in installments. (28 U.S.C. §1930, Fed. R. Bankr. Pro. 1006). Likewise, additional filing fees prescribed by the Judicial Conference Schedule of Additional Fees for Bankruptcy Courts, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. §1930(b), are due upon the filing of the relevant pleading. Before the advent of electronic filing, petitions or pleadings received without the required filing fee would be designated as “received”, “accepted” or “lodged for filing”, but not “filed”, by the Clerk’s office. Since electronic filing has made this procedure obsolete, the court is of the opinion that a policy and procedure is required to insure timely receipt of fees associated with the electronic filing of petitions and pleadings.

It shall be the policy of this court that all fees are due at the time of filing on the court’s electronic filing system. Filers must settle their on-line accounts for any outstanding fees by midnight (Central Standard Time) on the day of the filing. If any fees are not received in a timely manner, the Clerk shall issue, and transmit in electronic format, a Notice of Internet Fees Due with an attached schedule of the amount(s) due, the date(s) incurred and a description of the filing event use or the document filed. If the fees due as reflected on the attached schedule are not paid within forty-eight (48) hours of the date and time incurred, the relevant pleading(s) and/or case(s) will be dismissed *sua sponte* without further notice to the filing party.

IT THEREFORE ORDERED that users of the court’s electronic filing system must settle their on-line accounts for any outstanding fees by midnight (CST) on the day of filing. If any fees are not received in a timely manner, the Clerk shall issue, and transmit in electronic format, a Notice of Internet Fees Due with an attached schedule of the amount(s) due, the date(s) incurred and a description of the filing event used or the document filed. If fees due as reflected on the attached schedule are not paid within forty-eight of the date and time incurred, the relevant pleading(s) and/or case(s) will be dismissed *sua sponte* will out further notice to the filing party.

SO ORDERED, this the 1st day of February, 2010.



David W. Houston, III
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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P.M.
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Mississippi
David J. Puddistor, Clerk 