

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION**

**IN RE:**

**Administrative Order-TPA-2008-10**

**DEADLINE FOR CLAIMANTS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN ELECTRONIC  
CLAIM FILING**

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**ORDER ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR CLAIMANTS TO  
ELECTRONICALLY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM AND RELATED DOCUMENTS**

On February 18, 2003, this court implemented the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system, and in Administrative Order TPA 2005-05 entered March 31, 2005, ordered that all attorneys, trustees, or examiners who file documents in the Tampa Division and in the Fort Myers Division file all documents and pleadings electronically using the court's ECF system no later than May 1, 2005. The Court has determined that to further promote greater efficiency in the administration of bankruptcy cases in the Tampa Division claimants should file claims and claim related documents through the ECF system.\* Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED:**

1. Effective December 1, 2008, all claimants who have filed or expect to file 25 or more claims and/or claim related documents, such as transfers of claims and withdrawal of claims, within any one year period, must file these claims and documents electronically using the ECF system.

2. Exceptions to the mandatory filing of claims and claim related documents include:

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\* Information on registering to use the ECF system can be found on the Court's website at [www.flmb.uscourts.gov](http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov)

a. Unanticipated inability to use the ECF system due to an internet failure by the filer. (Filers experiencing such a failure shall submit the claim or claim related document on diskette or CD in a PDF format with an "Affidavit and Request to File" attached. The clerk then will electronically file the pleading on behalf of the filer); and

b. Unanticipated inability to use the ECF system due to an internet failure by the Court. (If the ECF system is not accessible due to the Court's failure, the filer shall print the notification that the ECF system is not accessible and submit it with the claim or claim related document to be filed either on diskette or CD in PDF format).

3. After December 1, 2008, the Court may order claimants filing claims or claim related documents via paper to show cause why they cannot use the ECF system. Further, the Court may order claims or claim related documents be stricken if they are not filed using the ECF system.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, on October 21, 2008.



Michael G. Williamson  
Presiding Bankruptcy Judge  
Tampa Division