The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa will be installing the latest release of the NextGen CM/ECF application on July 24, 2021.

Some of the changes are summarized below:

Chapter 11 Subchapter V

This release will formally include previous 'hot-fixes' associated with Chapter 11 Subchapter V filings. This upgrade should not appear any differently to filers.

PDF-related Functionality

A new document, PDF-Related Functionality for Public Filers, has been posted to the PACER Service Center website. The document is available here. This document provides an overview of PDF-related functionality for all court types. PDFs with certain content will be rejected (e.g. contains internal attachments, password-protected).

We want to highlight the <u>maximum file size for any PDF that can be uploaded is 20 MG</u>. Any PDF larger than the maximum file size will be rejected by the system. Even though CM/ECF will allow for such large files to be uploaded, your service provider or system configuration may not allow this file to display. The view functionality will time out on your end. Please consider breaking larger files into smaller (less than 10 MG) files so they can be viewed by all users.

Free Look Functionality

Some changes have been made to the free look functionality. A free look is provided to case participants when a new pleading is filed. Some antivirus programs access links within emails to verify their safety; in some cases, this can use the free look that was intended for the case participant. The changes to the free look functionality avoid this issue.

In the Maintain Your ECF Account module, a new check box has been added to the "Email Information" screen:

Email information for John Marshall	
Primary email address	Edit primary email address
Secondary email address	Reenter secondary email address
☐ Enable confirmation of Free Look Use to verify your one free look will be used when a document link is clicked from CM/ECF emails (NEFs).	

The Enable confirmation of Free Look Use to verify your one free look will be used when a document link is clicked from CM/ECF emails (NEFs) option, if selected, inserts an additional confirmation screen when a link is clicked from a CM/ECF NEF email, to allow the user to confirm that the free look will be used. This prevents anti-virus software from using the free look when it checks the links in the email for viruses.

Notice: Confirm Free Look Use

This action will use your one free look for this document. Additional viewings of this document in the future will incur a billing charge.

To view the document and use the free look click here

If the new check box is not selected, the free look is used whenever the link is accessed, as it was in previous releases.