

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

In re:)
)
Electronic Transmission of Notices) Standing Order No. 4
by the Clerk)
) ORDER DISCONTINUING REDUNDANT
) PAPER NOTICES

In and by “Standing Order No. 1,” dated March 25, 2002 and effective April 1, 2002, this Court adopted and approved “Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means,” revised December 1, 2003 (“Administrative Procedures”). Pursuant to these Administrative Procedures, notices required to be provided by the Clerk of Court are now sent to “Registered Users of the CM/ECF System” both electronically through the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) System and in redundant paper form through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (“BNC”). The Court has observed that (1) many attorneys e-filing papers through CM/ECF have indicated that receipt of the redundant paper notices is burdensome, wasteful and unnecessary, (2) the cost for producing and mailing redundant paper notices through the BNC is an unnecessary budgetary expenditure that should be avoided, and (3) the formal process of amending Bankruptcy Rule 9036 to eliminate the electronic return receipt requirement is underway. The Court recognizes that elimination of redundant notices would be responsive to the requests of the practicing bankruptcy bar, and would reduce mailing expenses to the Judiciary budget.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective January 15, 2005, the Clerk of Court will discontinue the practice of sending redundant paper notices to registered users of the CM/ECF system through the BNC, with the exception of the “*Notice of the Meeting of*

Creditors,” which will continue to be sent in paper form through the BNC, and the electronic transmission of notices by the Clerk will be deemed complete upon transmission.

The Clerk of Court is directed to place a copy of this order in the Public Administrative Orders file. The Clerk also is directed to mail or deliver immediately a copy of this Administrative Order to all attorneys who are registered users of the CM/ECF system.

This order shall take effect on January 15, 2005.

Dated: 1/7/05



PAUL J. KELBURG
CHIEF JUDGE



WILLIAM E. EDMONDS
JUDGE