

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**


IN RE: NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC
AVAILABILITY OF CASE
FILE INFORMATION

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STANDING ORDER

The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to provide the attached Notice of Electronic Availability of Case File Information to counsel and parties in accordance with the privacy policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding Public Access to Electronic Case Files.

Such notice shall be posted on the court's Internet website and also disseminated through manual or electronic means.


THOMAS I. VANASKIE, Chief Judge
Middle District of Pennsylvania

Dated: June 5, 2002

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