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

IN RE:

STANDING ORDER No. 07-1

COMPLIANCE WITH ELECTRONIC : CASE FILING REGISTRATION :

REQUIREMENTS :

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2003, the Court established by Standing Order No. 03-1 an Electronic Case Filing System and adopted Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures to govern the program; and

WHEREAS, Standing Order No. 03-1 requires attorneys who did not register as electronic filing users by September 3, 2003, to show cause why they should be permitted to file in the traditional manner; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2004, the Court issued Standing Order No. 04-7 requiring counsel of record in cases then pending in this court to register as filing users for the court's Electronic Case Filing System and file documents electronically or show cause why they should not be required to register as filing users and file documents electronically; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2005, the Court issued Standing Order No. 05-1 finding that the failure of numerous counsel of record to respond to Standing Order No. 04-7 or request an extension of time in which to do so was impairing the effective administration of the Court's business and demonstrating disregard for the authority of the court; and

WHEREAS, Standing Order No. 05-1 required counsel who failed to respond to Standing Order No. 04-7 to register as filing users for the Court's Electronic Case Filing System and file documents electronically or show cause to the Chief Judge in writing why they should not be required to file documents through the Court's Electronic Case Filing System; and

WHEREAS, counsel were advised that failure to comply with Standing Order 05-1 could result in commencement of contempt of court and/or disciplinary proceedings; and

WHEREAS, a review of the Court's docket has revealed numerous instances of continued noncompliance with electronic filing registration requirements; and

NOW, THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2007, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Within fourteen days from the date of this order, counsel of record in cases now pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania shall register as filing users for the court's Electronic Case Filing System and file documents electronically or show cause to the Chief Judge why they should not be required to register as filing users and file documents electronically. Failure to comply with this Order may result in commencement of contempt of court and/or disciplinary proceedings that could result in suspension of the right to practice in this Court in accordance with Local Rule of Court 83.3.1.

S/ Yvette Kane
Yvette Kane, Chief Judge
Middle District of Pennsylvania

¹ The Court's website provides substantial information regarding the Electronic Case Filing System, including information regarding registration and training in the use of the system. See www.pamd.uscourts.gov. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Clerk of Court. The Court also notes that waivers of the requirement that counsel must file documents through the Court's Electronic Case Filing System may still be obtained by making an appropriate showing to the Chief Judge.