

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

IN RE: :
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AUTHORIZING EXEMPTION FROM : STANDING ORDER NO. 20-31
THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS :
FEES :
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STANDING ORDER

WHEREAS before the Court is the application and request by Rebecca Fordon for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts;

WHEREAS the Court finds that Rebecca Fordon, as an individual researcher associated with UCLA School of Law, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption;


WHEREAS Rebecca Fordon has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Rebecca Fordon shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred to study the amount of time the Government takes to file answers (or other responsive pleadings) to complaints in FOIA cases to better inform the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules;

IT IS ALSO ORDERED THAT Rebecca Fordon shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Rebecca Fordon (PACER Account #6594516) and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, Rebecca Fordon agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Rebecca Fordon is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via Internet based databases;
5. this exemption is valid until November 30, 2021.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Handwritten signature of Judge John E. Jones III, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by 'E.' and another stylized 'J' followed by 'III'.

Judge John E. Jones III, Chief Judge

Dated: December 7, 2020