

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

IN RE: )  
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PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS AND ) General Order 26-2  
MANAGEMENT OF SEALED )  
DOCUMENTS )

ORDER

**WHEREAS** a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means. See this Court’s Electronic Filing Rules.
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties will have to serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Procedure. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by mail; and
3. **Notice of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center. The court will notice sealed documents in paper by mail; and
4. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document will have to contact the clerk’s office to request a paper copy. Applicable copy fees will be applied to such request.
5. **Highly Sensitive Documents (HSDs).** Sealed documents that are defined as HSDs will continue to be subject to the court’s HSD procedures.
6. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents should be direct to the clerks office at (618) 482-9400.

This Order supercedes any and all inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF procedure manuals or local rules

ENTERED:  
4/20/2026

/s/ Mary E. Lopinot

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE