

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS  
STANDING ORDER NO. 21-1  
ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR FILING,  
SERVING, AND MANAGING HIGHLY SENSITIVE  
DOCUMENTS**

Since 2005, the Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Documents by Electronic Means (“Administrative Procedures”) have allowed persons to ask the court to protect highly sensitive information from being electronically filed in the Electronic Filing System of the court (commonly known as CM/ECF). Standing Order 05-3 (Adopting Electronic Case Filing and Case Management Procedures), Appendix, ¶ XII.C (rev. Mar. 17, 2005). The court’s Administrative Procedures state: “In connection with the filing of any material in an action assigned to the Electronic Filing System, any person may apply by motion for an order limiting electronic access to *or prohibiting the electronic filing of* certain specifically-identified materials on the grounds that such material is subject to privacy interests and that electronic access *or electronic filing* in the action is likely to prejudice those privacy interests.” LBR 5005.1, Appendix 1-01, ¶ XII.C (rev. Mar. 17, 2020) (emphasis added).

The court finds that, in response to recent disclosures of wide-spread breaches of both private sector and government computer systems, federal courts are immediately adding new security procedures to protect highly sensitive documents filed with the courts. Pursuant to Civil Rule 5(d)(3)(A), good cause exists to clarify this court’s Administrative Procedures and to require all parties to file certain highly sensitive documents outside of the court’s electronic filing system.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise, the filing of certain highly sensitive documents (HSDs) shall be subject to the procedures and requirements published on the court’s website.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 25th day of January, 2021.

s/ Dale L. Somers  
DALE L. SOMERS  
Chief Judge

s/ Robert D. Berger  
ROBERT D. BERGER  
Judge

s/ Mitchell L. Herren  
MITCHELL L. HERREN  
Judge