

United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Mississippi

ECF e-Orders Attorney Guide

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Introduction

As part of the court's CM/ECF system, e-Orders allows the direct upload of proposed orders which court staff and judges can quickly review, sign and docket. Additionally, e-Orders allows attorneys and trustees to check the status of proposed orders uploaded to the ECF system.

Technical Requirements

Proposed orders uploaded in ECF must be submitted in PDF format. No security should be applied to the PDF file. It is highly recommended that orders be created using a word processing application such as Word or WordPerfect and saved to PDF rather than scanning a printed copy of the document. This not only makes the order more legible, but also results in a text-searchable document.

Formatting Requirements

1. 8 ½ x 11 standard paper size.

The ECF system will not accept a PDF document with one or more pages exceeding the standard page size limit. The ECF system will return a failure message ending the upload process.

"FAILURE: Your PDF document has one or more pages that exceeds the standard page size limit, and cannot be accepted until fixed."

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| 2. | Margins | <u>First Page</u> | <u>Subsequent Pages</u> |
| | | Top 3" | Top 1" |
| | | Bottom 1" | Bottom 1" |

3. End of Order:

- Include an ending notation signifying the entire body of the proposed order is included. Below the last paragraph:
 - Insert one blank line
 - Insert **##END OF ORDER##** and center it.
- Do not include the text "So Ordered"
- Do not include judge's signature line (See example on next page).




4. Proposed order and all exhibits must be uploaded as one PDF document.

5. Multiple Signatures

- The last paragraph of the order must be on the page that contains the parties' signatures.

6. PDF document file size must not exceed 5MB.

Example

<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;"><p>3" Top margin first page</p></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><p>UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI</p></div> <p>In re:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>Joseph Wayne Sample Susan Smith Sample Debtors.</div><div>Case No. XX-XXXX-XXX Chapter XX</div></div> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY AND CO-DEBTOR STAY</p> <p> Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Maecenas interdum neque at felis malesuada sed volutpat arcu dignissim. Cras sit amet urna orci, eget eleifend lorem. Cras nec arcu massa. Integer sed dolor urna, ut suscipit sem. Suspendisse potenti. Mauris vestibulum diam pellentesque enim lacinia tincidunt. Maecenas porta porta rhoncus. Aenean viverra suscipit metus non mattis. Nulla nibh augue, ultricies eget blandit vitae, bibendum quis mi. Aliquam ultricies tincidunt tellus non porta. Maecenas dignissim mattis metus, et aliquet sapien venenatis in. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas. Quisque convallis volutpat odio, at mollis urna feugiat sit amet. Vivamus ac sapien in dui aliquet tristique at at velit.</p> <p> Etiam viverra bibendum nibh. Suspendisse ipsum augue, ullamcorper at elementum eget, porta eu magna. Nullam a tellus at nisi vestibulum mollis id sit amet nibh. Suspendisse sapien massa, pellentesque quis rhoncus nec, tristique non diam. Fusce ligula mauris, laoreet sit amet consectetur ultricies, tempor vitae velit. Curabitur quis leo at purus mollis venenatis. Donec nulla risus, eleifend id rutrum eu, bibendum ac arcu. Morbi in lorem quis augue lacinia tincidunt. Nunc gravida gravida pretium. Curabitur ac elit velit, eu suscipit orci.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sed magna mi, sodales in tincidunt ac, egestas a libero. Ut ut arcu ac nisi vestibulum scelerisque eu vitae lorem.2. Donec posuere tempus tristique. Suspendisse eget tortor id elit ultricies pellentesque vitae id nisi. Nam eleifend leo in dui ullamcorper adipiscing.3. Donec gravida placerat nunc, varius tempus purus accumsan id. Nam sed sapien eget lacus suscipit condimentum. Phasellus at dui ut nunc cursus placerat quis non libero. Curabitur facilisis	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;"><p>1" Top margin subsequent page(s)</p></div> <p>varius fermentum. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas.</p> <p>4. Phasellus non orci quis eros interdum tristique a a est. Vivamus non dapibus sapien. Nullam quis elit non odio fermentum volutpat eu eget purus. Maecenas bibendum pulvinar egestas.</p> <p>5. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Donec ultricies eleifend luctus. Sed euismod cursus tristique.</p> <p>Aliquam dignissim mi accumsan odio egestas molestie ac id ipsum. Integer felis enim, lacinia vitae luctus quis, blandit quis nibh. Sed scelerisque porttitor leo, ac fermentum risus interdum ut. Ut laoreet turpis in lorem consequat volutpat vel quis eros. Donec viverra augue a nulla sagittis ut adipiscing leo mollis. Phasellus facilisis fringilla quam non varius. Pellentesque tempus tincidunt neque in dictum. In diam velit, fermentum id ultricies et, congue ac sem. Quisque aliquet justo non mi iaculis bibendum.</p> <p>Sed a suscipit ipsum. Nulla dui nibh, viverra a accumsan id, convallis sed diam. Fusce libero dolor, venenatis eu auctor ut, ultricies quis nisi. Ut felis dolor, malesuada cursus mattis vel, condimentum id libero. In vel eleifend elit. Sed gravida nisi lacus. Integer egestas libero nec eros sollicitudin tincidunt. Nullam tincidunt lobortis vestibulum. Suspendisse mi erat, ornare vitae ornare vitae, porttitor sit amet ligula. Donec luctus adipiscing sem, quis congue massa vulputate et.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">**END OF ORDER**</div><div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><p>Include text to indicate end of the order.</p></div></div> <p>Approved:</p> <p>(Signature of attorney) Attorney's Name Attorney for Creditor</p> <p>(Signature of attorney) Attorney's Name Attorney for Debtor</p> <p>(Signature of trustee) Trustee's Name</p> <p>Submitted by:</p> <p>Attorney Name, Bar Id Address City, State, Zip Telephone Number email</p>
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Attorney Order Upload Options

Order Types

Single Orders:

Proposed orders related to a document / pleading filed in a case.

Sua Sponte Orders:


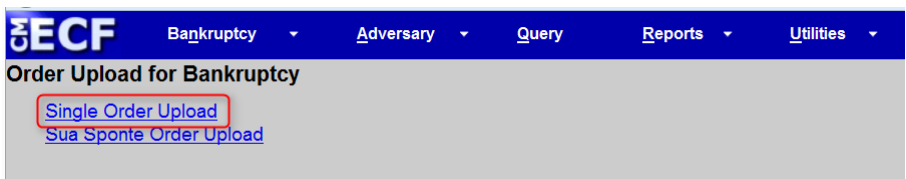
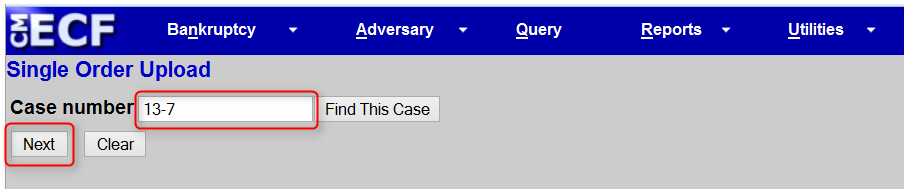
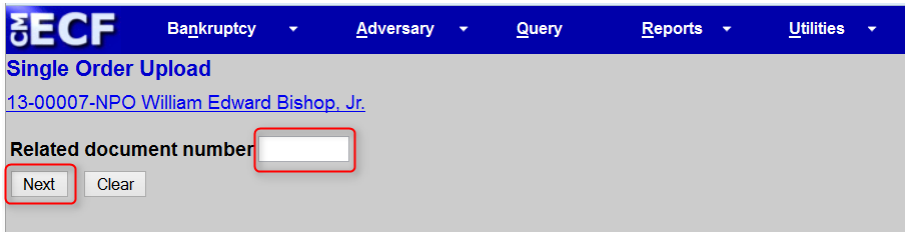
Proposed orders not related to a document / pleading in a case.

*Use **Single Order** process when the proposed order is the final order concluding litigation filed in a case.

Use **Sua Sponte Order** process when a proposed order relates to litigation filed in a case, but is not the final order.

Single Order Upload

- Available under **Bankruptcy** and **Adversary** menus
- Requires the proposed order be related to a matter/pleading filed in a case.
- Use when the proposed order is the final order concluding a related matter/pleading filed in a case.

<p>1.</p> <p>Select Bankruptcy > Order Upload</p> <p>Adversary proceeding select Adversary > Order Upload</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Bankruptcy Events menu. The 'Order Upload' link is highlighted with a red box. The menu includes links for Answer/Response..., Case Upload, Appeal, Claim Actions, Motions/Applications, Notices, Open BK Case, Open Involuntary Case, Other, Plan, File Claims, Creditor Maintenance..., and Order Upload.</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Select Single Order Upload</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Order Upload for Bankruptcy menu. The 'Single Order Upload' link is highlighted with a red box. The menu includes links for Single Order Upload and Sua Sponte Order Upload.</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>Input case number; click Next</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Single Order Upload form. The 'Case number' field is highlighted with a red box. The form includes a 'Find This Case' button and a 'Next' button.</p>
<p>4a.</p> <p>Input related document number; click Next</p> <p><i>If unknown leave blank.</i></p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Single Order Upload form. The 'Related document number' field is highlighted with a red box. The form includes a 'Next' button and a 'Clear' button.</p>

4b.

A related document number is required. The search screen displays when Step 4a is blank.

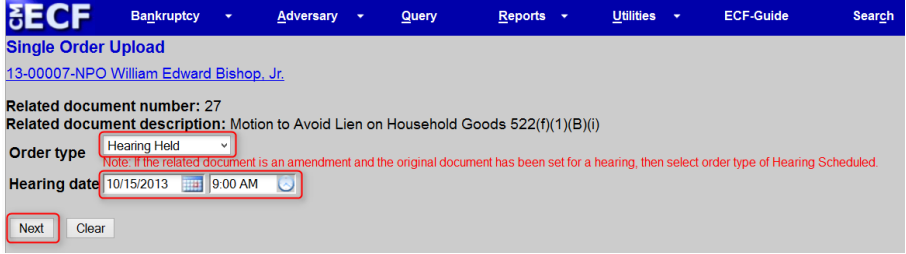
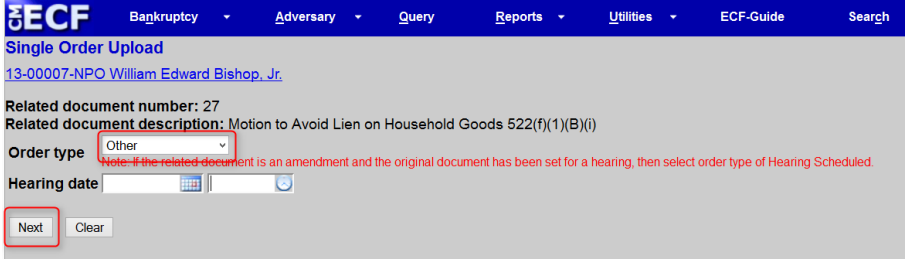
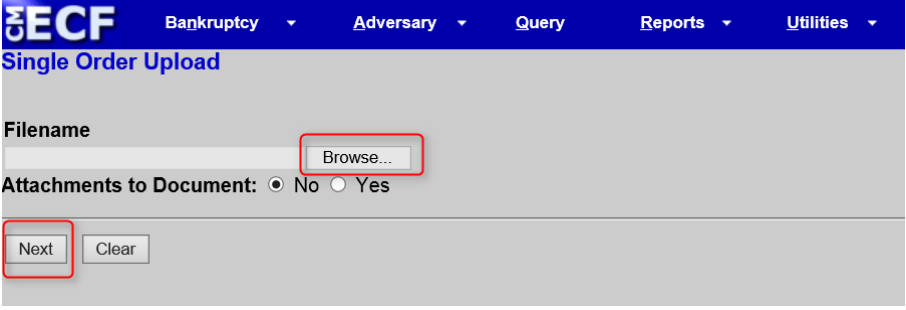
Select a document category; click **Next*

****If the category is unknown select all categories.***

4c.

Click the box next to the related document; click **Next*

****Select one entry.***

<p>5.</p> <p>Select Order type</p> <p>Input a hearing date and time when the Order type is <i>Hearing Scheduled or Hearing Held</i></p> <p>Click Next</p>	<p>Example with hearing information</p>  <p>Example without hearing information</p> 
<p>Order types</p>	<p>Agreed Order – Proposed order signed by all parties and a hearing was not scheduled or held.</p> <p>Hearing Held – Proposed order resulting from a previous hearing.</p> <p>Hearing Scheduled – Proposed order requiring a hearing.</p> <p>Other – Any other type of proposed order.</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>Click Browse to attach proposed order; click Next</p> <p><i>*Do not upload attachments</i></p>	

7.

The order upload confirmation screen displays the **Order Id #** assigned to the proposed order.

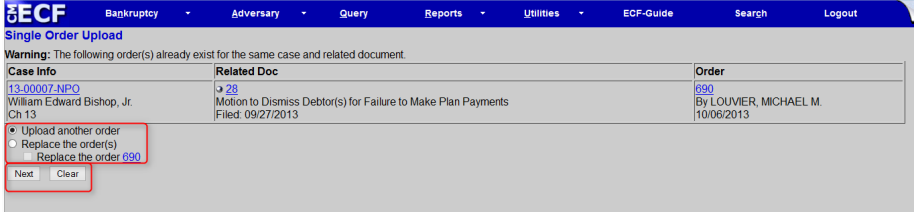

To view the proposed order click the order ID number.

To submit another order click **Upload another order?**

The screenshot shows the ECF (Electronic Case Filing) interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the ECF logo and several dropdown menus: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, and Utilities. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Single Order Upload". The main content area has a light gray background and contains the following information: a link to "13-00007-NPO William Edward Bishop, Jr.", a confirmation message "The new document SampleDocument.pdf was uploaded successfully on 9/27/2013 at 3:49 PM", the "Order type: Other", another link to "13-00007-NPO William Edward Bishop, Jr.", the "Related document number: 27", and the "Related document description: Motion to Avoid Lien on Household Goods 522(f)(1)(B)(i)". The "Order ID: 684" is highlighted with a red rectangular box. At the bottom of the gray area, there is a button labeled "Upload another order?" also highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Replacing or Uploading an Additional Order




Occasionally you may need to replace a proposed order or submit a second order. The replacement and add another order process is similar to the standard upload process with an additional step outlined below.

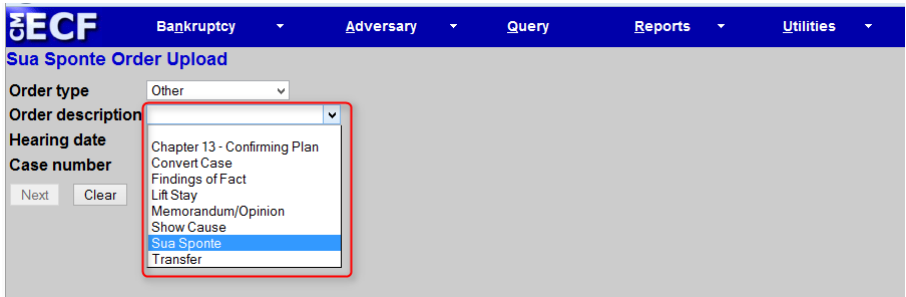
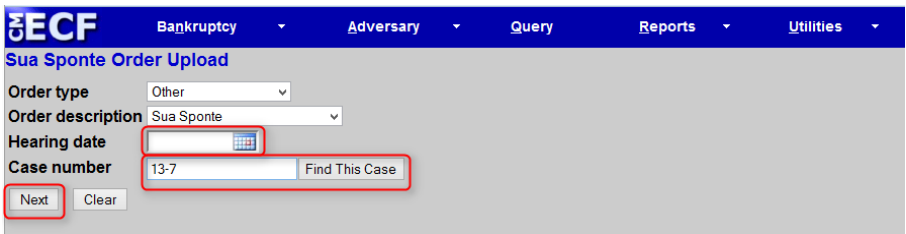
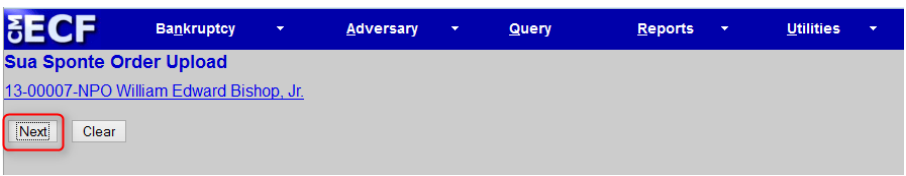
<p><u>Single Order Upload</u></p>	<p>After the related docket entry is selected (Step 4 above) and when a proposed order already exists related to the same entry, the screen below displays.</p>
<p>Select Upload another order or Replace the order(s) selecting proposed order(s) to replace; click Next</p>	
<p><u>Sua Sponte Order Upload</u></p>	<p>The below screen displays after inputting the case number. Although the <i>Upload another order</i> and <i>Replace the order(s)</i> look slightly different, the basic operation is the same.</p>
<p>Select Upload another order or Replace the order(s) proposed order(s) to replace; click Next</p>	

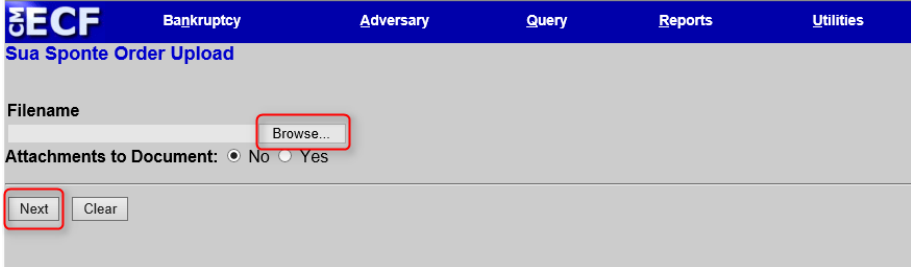
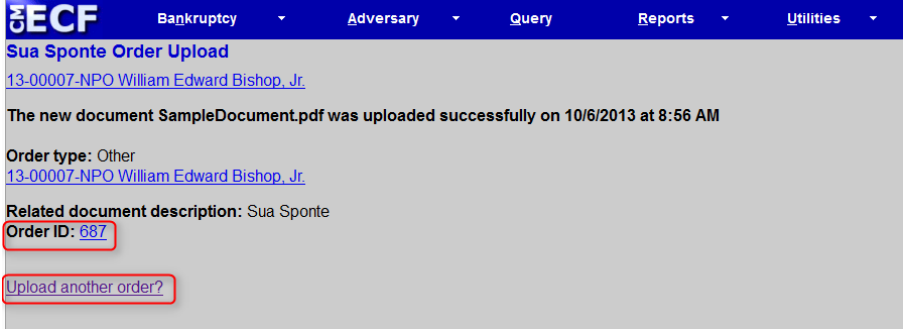
Sua Sponte Order Upload

Available under **Bankruptcy** and **Adversary** menus

The proposed order does not relate to a document/pleading filed in the case or the proposed order relates to a document/pleading filed in a case but is not the final order concluding the proceeding.


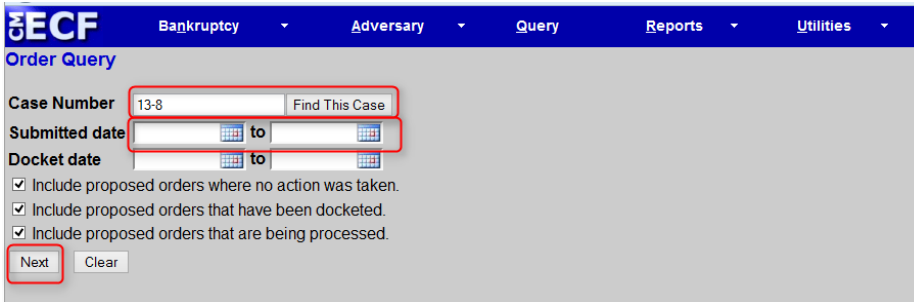
1. Select Bankruptcy > Order Upload Adversary proceeding select Adversary > Order Upload	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Bankruptcy Events menu. The 'Order Upload' link under the 'Creditor Maintenance...' section is highlighted with a red box.</p>
2. Select Sua Sponte Order Upload	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Order Upload for Bankruptcy page. The 'Sua Sponte Order Upload' link is highlighted with a red box.</p>
3a. Select Order type	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Sua Sponte Order Upload form. The 'Order type' dropdown menu is open, showing options: Agreed Order, Hearing Held, Hearing Scheduled, and Other. The 'Other' option is highlighted with a red box.</p>

<p>Order types</p>	<p>Agreed Order – Proposed order signed by all parties and a hearing was not scheduled or held.</p> <p>Hearing Held – Proposed order resulting from a previous hearing.</p> <p>Hearing Scheduled – Proposed order requiring a hearing.</p> <p>Other – Any other type of proposed order.</p>
<p>3b.</p> <p>Select Order Description</p>	
<p>3c.</p> <p>Input hearing date <i>(if applicable)</i></p> <p>Input case number; click Next</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>Click Next</p>	

<p>5.</p> <p>Click Browse to attach proposed order; click Next</p> <p><i>*Do not upload attachments</i></p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>The order upload confirmation screen displays with Order Id # assigned to the proposed order.</p> <p>To view the proposed order click the order ID number.</p> <p>To upload another order click Upload another order?</p>	

Proposed Order Status

The *Order Query* report is used to check the status of a proposed order uploaded to ECF. Note: The status report displays proposed orders uploaded by the specific ECF user generating the report.

<p>Select Reports > Order Query</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Reports menu. The 'Order Query' link is highlighted with a red box.</p>
<p>Criteria Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Number • Submitted date range • Docket date range <p>Select options; click Next</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the ECF Order Query form. The 'Case Number' field is filled with '13-8'. The 'Submitted date' and 'Docket date' fields are empty. The 'Include proposed orders where no action was taken' checkbox is checked. The 'Next' button is highlighted with a red box.</p>
<p>Order Query Options:</p>	<p>Include proposed orders where no action was taken - displays replaced or rejected orders.</p> <p>Include proposed orders that have been docketed - displays orders that were signed and docketed.</p> <p>Include proposed order that are being processed - displays submitted orders awaiting review or signature and entry.</p>

Report Information:

Case Number
Related Document
Order ID #
Order Type

Order Description
Date uploaded
Name of Submitter
Status

ECF								
Bankruptcy		Adversary	Query	Reports	Utilities	ECF-Guide	Search	Logout
Show: 10	10	Items at a time		Refresh				
<<	<	10	20	Jump to line of 30				
Case Number x	Related Doc# x	Order x	Type x	Description x	Submission Date x	Submitter x	Status x	
08-00005-ee Wendy Smith	15	476	Suspense (21-day obj)	Motion to Increase/Decrease Payment Into Plan	04/25/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-10-19 10:02:56	
11-00036-NPO Fred K. C. Price		548	Other	Release of Wages	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-10-21 09:51:31	
11-00199-ee Henry Bennett		550	Other	Wage Order - Amended	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	No Action Taken 10/21/2013	
11-00211-ee Angelica Brown		549	Other	Release of Wages	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Being Processed	
12-00001-ee MACK KENNINGTON, JR and Mary J Kennington		345	Other	Wage Order - Amended	04/02/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-04-09 10:21:40	
12-00004-ee ALICE MARCELLA BROWN		553	Other	Wage Order	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-16 09:22:31	
12-00004-ee ALICE MARCELLA BROWN		593	Other	Wage Order - Amended	05/16/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-16 11:48:18	
12-00009-ee Almeia Bolden Woods		552	Other	Wage Order	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-16 09:23:03	
12-00108-ee DORIS ANN COLEMAN		592	Other	Wage Order - Amended	05/16/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	No Action Taken 10/21/2013	
12-00108-ee DORIS ANN COLEMAN		610	Other	Chapter 13 - Confirming Plan	05/17/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-17 12:36:59	

Status Categories:

- Being Processed
- Docketed
- No Action taken

Status x
Docketed 2013-10-19 10:02:56
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No Action Taken 10/21/2013
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Resubmission Notification

When a new or revised order is required the ECF system will generate an email to the individual that uploaded the proposed order to the ECF system. The resubmission notification is emailed to the individual's ECF **primary** email address associated with his/her ECF user account.

Important: Any secondary email address associated with the ECF user's account **will not** receive resubmission email notifications.

As with all emails from the Court, ECF users are responsible for monitoring resubmission notifications; expeditiously taking action to satisfy the request; and making certain deadlines for submitting proposed orders are not ignored.

