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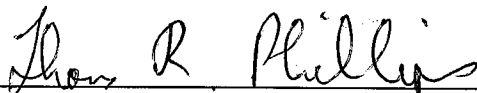
ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Approval of Local Rules Governing the Procedure for Electronic Reception and Filing of Documents for the District Courts of Grimes County, Texas.

ORDERED that:

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the attached Local Rules governing the procedure for Electronic Reception and Filing of Documents for the District Courts of Grimes County, Texas, are approved. This approval is temporary pending further orders of the Court.

In Chambers, this 25th day of May, 2004.



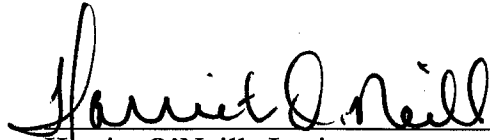
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

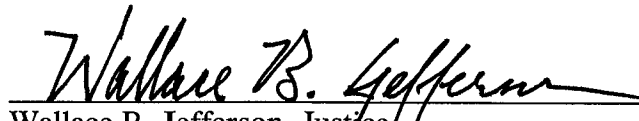


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

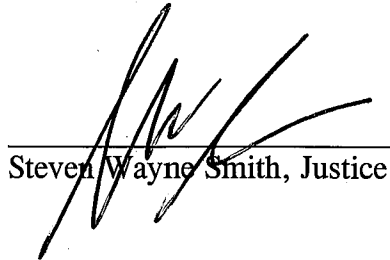


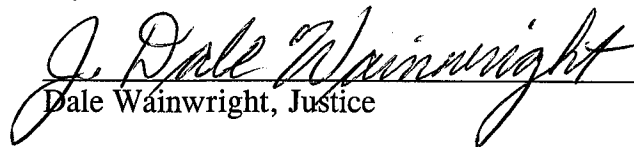
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice



Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice


Michael H. Schneider, Justice


Steven Wayne Smith, Justice


Dale Wainwright, Justice


Scott A. Brister, Justice

ORDER ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS OF GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS

The District Courts of Grimes County, Texas hereby adopts the following system for the electronic filing of documents by the District Clerk of Grimes County.

1. The clerk is authorized to accept for filing via electronic transmission any documents which might be filed in a court action : {a} returns of service if issuance's {b} bonds {c} signed orders of judgments {d} any documents that requires a filing fee.
2. Documents electronically transmitted for filing will be received by the clerk on a plain paper facsimile and printed by a laser printer, thereby rendering the copy of archival quality. No document printed on thermal paper shall be filed.
3. Court costs, fee, and electronic transmission filing fees may be paid by a credit card approved by the clerk. Credit cards charges will be added to the transaction. Documents tendered to the clerk electronically without payment of court cost, fees, and electronic transmission fees, with incomplete information on the authorization or request, or which do not conform to applicable rules, will not be filed.
4. A fee schedule for electronic filing shall be adopted annually by the clerk and approved by the local courts.
5. An electronically transmitted document accepted for filing will be recognized as the original record for filing or for evidentiary purpose when it bears the clerk's official date and time file stamp.
6. Every document electronically transmitted for filing shall conform to the requirements for filing established by The Texas Rules of Civil Procedures, i.e., shall be on the paper measuring approximately 8 1/2 x 11 inches, shall be signed individually by the party or identification number, if any, address, telephone numbers and telecopier number. The quality of the original hard copy shall be clear and dark enough to transmitted legibly.
7. The sender shall maintain the original of the document with original signature affixed as required by section 51.806, Texas Government Code.
8. A cover sheet maintain the original accompany every transmission which: {a} clearly identify the sender, the documents being transmitted, and the number of pages {b} have a clear and concise instructions concerning issuance or other request {c} have complete information on the charge authorization for court cost and fees.
9. The clerk upon receipt of an electronically transmitted documents shall verify the completeness of the transmission.

10. If the transmission is found to be incomplete or court costs or fees, if required, are not paid, the clerk will notify the sender as soon as practicable that the transmission has not been filed and the reason.

11. No citation or writ bearing the official seal of the court may be transmitted electrically

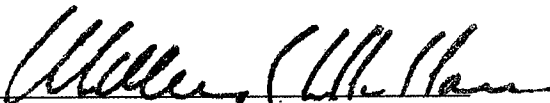
12. After an electronically transmitted document the clerk will electronically transmit to the sender an acknowledgment of the filing, together with cost receipt, if any.

13. Electronic transmitted of a document does not complete filing. Filing is complete when the Clerk's official date and time file stamp is affixed to the document.

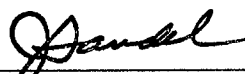
14. Each page of any document received by the clerk will be automatically imprinted with the date and time of receipt. The date and time imprinted on the last page of a document will be determine the time of filing, upon completion of filing.

It is ordered that this system for electronic filing of documents in the District Courts of Grimes County, Texas be, and the same is adopted, affective upon approval of the Supreme Court for approval as provided by section 51.807, Texas Government Code; and that upon approval by The Supreme Court of Texas, the same be placed upon the Minutes of the District Courts of Grimes County, Texas.

Signed this the 10th day of April, 2002.



William L. McAdams, Judge
12th Judicial District Court
Walker County, Texas



Jerry A. Sandel, Judge
278th Judicial District Court
Walker County, Texas