

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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IN RE: )  
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ELECTRONIC CASE FILING )  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES )  
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Misc. No. 3:05-MC-~~5003~~-17

**ORDER**

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(e) authorizes this Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, and verification of documents by electronic means. This Order establishes an Electronic Case Filing (hereinafter "ECF") system in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. ECF utilizes automation technology in the administration of justice and is intended to promote cost savings, to make maintenance of court records more efficient, and to give the public greater access to case file information.<sup>1</sup> This Order adopts the ECF Policies and Procedures, which provides direction for the filing and maintenance of documents electronically.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:

1. The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina establishes an ECF system by adoption of the ECF Policies and Procedures. The court directs the Clerk of Court to establish more detailed procedures to be published in the District of South Carolina's ECF Attorney User Manual. The Clerk of Court may amend the ECF Attorney User Manual

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<sup>1</sup>ECF will be implemented in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3601-06 (2004).

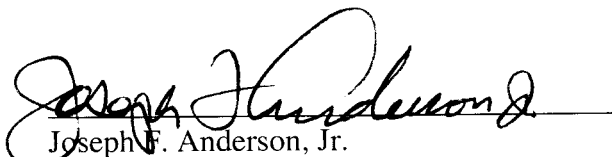
from time to time as appropriate. In the event of a conflict, the ECF Policies and Procedures control.

2. The Clerk of Court shall maintain a copy of this Order, the ECF Policies and Procedures, and a current version of the ECF Attorney User Manual on the court's public website and make these documents available to individuals who may not have web access.

3. The ECF system shall be implemented on February 28, 2005.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

FOR THE COURT:



Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.  
Chief Judge

Entered at  
Columbia, South Carolina  
on February 18, 2005