IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE: ORDER REGARDING	**)**	
REFUND POLICY FOR DUPLICATE	**)**	**GENERAL ORDER: 09-2**
ELECTRONIC FILING FEES	**)**	

This Order promulgates procedures for the refunding of duplicate filing fees which occur through errors made during the electronic filing of documents. The Judicial Conference of the United States, which has had a longstanding policy of not refunding filing fees (JCUS-MAR 49, p.202), recently issued guidance endorsing limited refund authority by the courts as a result of the increased likelihood of inadvertently erroneous or duplicate payments made by filing parties using Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF).

With the advent of electronic filing and payment of fees, errors have become more commonplace during the filing and payment process resulting in duplicate payments of the applicable filing fee. It has therefore been left to the discretion of each individual court to determine what policies and procedures to implement with regards to the refunding of erroneously charged filing fee payments.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of Court, or her designee, shall be authorized to refund a fee erroneously paid:

(1) if discovered by the Court or the Clerk's Office that a fee has been erroneously paid;

(2) if an attorney files a request for a fee refund and it can be determined by the Clerk of Court, or her designee, that the fee has been erroneously paid.

Upon verification of the error, the refund shall be processed back to the same credit card from which the duplicate payment was made and be entered on the docket for recording purposes.

ENTERED this 26th day of May, 2009.

s/ Michael P. McCuskey
MICHAEL P. McCUSKEY, Chief
United States District Judge

s/ Joe Billy McDade
JOE BILLY McDADE
United States District Judge

s/ Michael M. Mihm
MICHAEL M. MIHM
United States District Judge

s/ Jeanne E. Scott
JEANNE E. SCOTT
United States District Judge