

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS

CAUSE NO. 2010-

**ORDER APPROVING ELECTRONIC FILING AS PART
OF PILOT TESTING OF MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS**

On the Court's own motion and pursuant to M.R.C.P. 5 and UCCR 1.13, the Court hereby approves electronic filing as part of the Pilot Testing of the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system as previously authorized and restricted by Order of this Court dated October 7, 2009. Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi Electronic Courts as approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court were adopted by local rule of this Court for purposes of the Pilot Testing on October 7, 2009. *See Local Rule 18.* Accordingly, in those cases which are designated for inclusion in the Pilot Testing of the Mississippi Electronic Courts system, the filing, signing, verification, and service of all pleadings and papers in the Chancery Court of Scott County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for the MEC.

As part of the continued Pilot Testing of the system, the Court hereby orders and directs that cases be designated for inclusion in the Pilot Testing in the following manner:

1. Beginning on February 15, 2010, attorneys may electronically file pleadings and papers in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in any case from Cause No. 2010-0001 going forward ("MEC Cases"). If an attorney chooses to electronically file a pleading or paper in an MEC Case, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers by that attorney in that particular case shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures from that point forward.¹
2. Beginning on April 1, 2010, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.

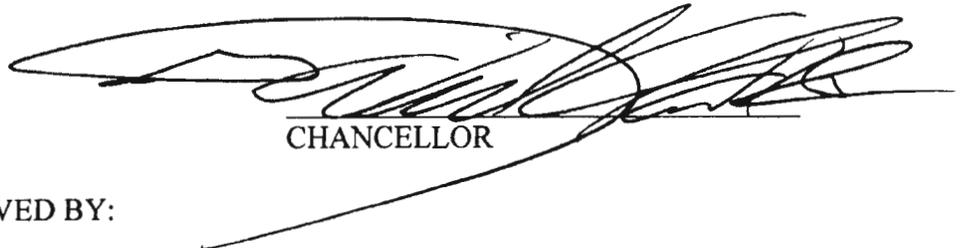
¹ Once an attorney begins electronically filing in a particular case, conventional service is required only on participants who were not served electronically through MEC as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

3. Beginning on April 1, 2010, all cases prior to Cause No. 2010-0001 ("Pre-MEC Cases") will only become part of the MEC system and, therefore, subject to the Mississippi Administrative Procedures in the following manner:

- a. When a pleading, order, or other paper is filed in a Pre-MEC Case on or after April 1, 2010, the Clerk shall open that particular case in the MEC system and provide notice to all counsel of record and/or parties that the case is then part of the MEC system.
- b. After notice has been provided as set forth in subsection a. above, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers in that particular case shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures from that point forward.

The Clerk is directed to maintain the docketing system presently in use in his office and maintain all case files, pleadings, minute books, and all other court records in paper form until such time as the Court determines all such records and systems can be adequately maintained as part of the MEC system.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 19th day of January, 2010.



CHANCELLOR

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:



CHANCERY CLERK