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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In the matter of: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PRISONER § 1983 DOCUMENTS	GENERAL ORDER NO. 2012-01 <u>SECOND AMENDED</u>

Since February 19, 2013, the Court, the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), and the Office of the Attorney General have participated in a pilot project designed to reduce the cost of processing prisoner filings in cases filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The terms of the pilot project were as follows:

1. A digital sender was installed at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC). The digital sender is the property of NDOC.
2. NDOC was provided with a free Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) account for use by the law librarian who became a registered user.
3. NNCC staff scanned to PDF and, after quality review, emailed to the Court all documents presented by prisoners for filing with the Court in Section 1983 cases only. The original documents were returned to the prisoner. All documents submitted for filing by prisoners in NNCC were emailed to the Court in PDF format.
4. The Court received and filed the prisoners' documents electronically. After traditional service of the prisoner's complaint and appearance by an opposing party, transmission of the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to opposing parties who are Case Management - Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) Registered Users constituted service of the hyperlinked document for purposes of Rule 5(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure. The inmate mailed a copy of the prisoner's electronically filed document to non-registered users.

5. NNCC established an email address for receipt of NEFs of documents filed electronically. NNCC staff printed the NEFs and the hyperlinked order and other documents filed by the Court. Receipt of copies of the NEFs and hyperlinked documents by the prisoner constituted service of the document on the prisoner. If the prisoner refused delivery or is no longer at NNCC, staff indicated the reason for non-delivery on the NEF and emailed it to the Court.

6. Opposing parties that are CM/ECF registered users served filings on NNCC prisoners by CM/ECF. NNCC staff printed and provided to prisoners NEFs and the hyperlinked documents filed by opposing parties.

The Court, the NDOC, and the Office of the Attorney General have evaluated the pilot project and determined it should be continued permanently at NNCC, and that the e-filing project should be expanded to other NDOC facilities on a schedule agreed upon by the Court, the NDOC, and the Office of the Attorney General.

Dated this 4 day of March, 2015.

Gloria M. Navarro
Chief United States District Judge