



U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
PACER Exemption Policy

Electronic court data viewed remotely is subject to an electronic public access fee through a PACER account (see attached Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule). Data obtained includes public records of individual cases, including filed documents, the docket sheet and, if applicable, audio files of court hearings.

Who May Request Exemption. Consistent with Judicial Conference policy, a court may exempt the following individuals and/or groups upon a showing of cause: exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, court appointed pro bono attorneys and pro bono ADR neutrals.

How to Request Exemption. A request for PACER exemption must be made in writing to the Chief Judge or Clerk of Court and contain the following:

1. Name of individual, organization or group requesting exemption
2. Contact information, including address, phone number and e-mail address
3. PACER account number to receive exemption
4. Purpose of exemption request
5. Dates covered by exemption (specific time frame or permanent request)

Exemption Requirements. The purpose of an exemption is to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. If the Court finds the request valid and approves the exemption, a General Order will be prepared for signature by the Chief Judge. After filing, a copy of the Order will be sent electronically to the Pacer Service Center.

Revocation/Termination of an Exemption. An exemption will terminate upon the completion of the time period requested. Any misrepresentations in the exemption request or misuse of the PACER account covered by the exemption will result in immediate revocation. An exemption can be revoked at any time at the discretion of the court.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2012.


JAMES H. PAYNE, Chief Judge