UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re: ELECTRONIC MEANS FOR FILING SIGNING, AND VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

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Second Amendment to General Order #M-182 Re: Electronic Case Filing Procedures

WHEREAS, by General Order #M-182, entered *nunc pro tunc* to November 25, 1996 and dated June 26, 1997, the Court adopted Electronic Case Filing Procedures for filing, signing and verifying documents by electronic means;

WHEREAS the Court has reviewed the operation of the Electronic Case Filing Procedures since its implementation and has considered refinements suggested by the Judges of the Court, the Clerk and staff of the Clerk's Office, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and members of the Bar;

WHEREAS, the Court has considered how best to ensure the smooth operation of the Electronic Case Filing System while simultaneously safeguarding the right of parties in interest to put before the Court all information relevant to cases and controversies;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

General Order #M-182 is hereby amended by adding the following clarifying paragraph:

16. Nothing contained in General Order #M-182, in cases wherein service of

documents filed electronically is required to be made on the United States and its agencies, corporations or officers, shall be read to excuse full compliance with Rules 2002 (j) and 7004 (b)(4), (5) and (6) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 4 (i) and (j) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Clerk of Court shall promulgate Administrative Procedures consistent with the Order.

This Order amending General Order #M-182, dated June 26, 1997, but entered *nunc pro tunc* to November 25, 1996 shall be filed in accordance with the Electronic Case Filing Procedures.

This Order shall be immediately effective.

Dated: July 13, 1999

<u>/s/ Tina L. Brozman</u> Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York