

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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Mark C. McCart, Clerk
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

ELECTRONIC SERVICE IN)
SOCIAL SECURITY CASES) GO 17-10
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GENERAL ORDER

This General Order vacates and supersedes General Order 16-12. A significant number of cases seeking review of a decision by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to deny benefits are filed in this district. The Court, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma (“USAO-NDOK”), and the Denver Office of Regional Counsel for the Social Security Administration (“Denver ORC”) share an interest in facilitating the efficient resolution of those cases. To this end, the USAO-NDOK and the Denver ORC have agreed to participate in Electronic Service in Social Security Cases. This General Order sets forth the terms of the Electronic Service.

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:

(1) Electronic Service shall apply only to complaints instituted by a plaintiff against the Commissioner in which the only claim is one brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Electronic Service shall not apply to any other complaint. In particular, Electronic Service does not apply to (a) complaints that include claims against the Commissioner in addition to, or other than, those brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g); or (b) complaints that include defendants other than the Commissioner.

(2) Plaintiffs who wish to avail themselves of electronic service shall:

A. Provide the USAO-NDOK and the Denver ORC with a copy of the summons and complaint by email to both USAOKN.ECFCivil@usdoj.gov and OGC.DEN.Service.NDOK@ssa.gov; providing the summons and complaint to the USAO-NDOK and the Denver ORC by email will serve as service on the United States Attorney General as required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i)(2). The email shall include the identifying information set forth in **General Order 16-09**; and

B. File a Certificate of Electronic Service through the Court’s Electronic Case Filing (“ECF”) system indicating when the summons, complaint, and identifying information were emailed to the USAO-NDOK’s and the Denver ORC as set forth in subparagraph (A).


(3) Service of a summons and complaint under Electronic Service will be considered complete only when both steps in paragraph (2) have been completed.


(4) If a plaintiff chooses to avail himself or herself of Electronic Service and effectuates service in accordance with this General Order, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration may not raise insufficient service as a defense in any response to a complaint. However, nothing in this General Order shall be deemed to be a waiver of service pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(d).

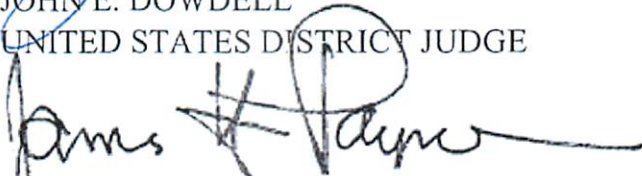
(5) The email addresses identified are to be used solely for the submission of summons, complaints, and claimant identifying information. They shall not be used for any other purpose. Any improper use is a violation of this Order and subject to sanctions.


IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of July, 2017.


GREGORY K. FRIZZELL
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE


CLAIRE V. EAGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE


JOHN E. DOWDELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE


JAMES H. PAYNE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE


TERENCE C. KERN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE