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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANAClerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of Montana  
Butte Division

In Re

EXEMPTION FROM  
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS  
FEES FOR MONTANA LEGAL  
SERVICES ASSOCIATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 26-03

The Court hereby orders that Administrative Order 26-01 is WITHDRAWN, and finds that Alison Paul (PACER #4884890), Beth Hayes (PACER #3069999), Edward Higgins (PACER #7702996), and Jill Hickson (PACER #6257489) with Montana Legal Services Association fall within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. An exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens to the not-for-profit organization and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, PACER accounts #4884890 for Alison Paul, #3069999 for Beth Hayes, #7702996 for Edward Higgins, and #6257489 for Jill Hickson with Montana Legal Services Association shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the performance of their organization.


Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Alison Paul, Beth Hayes, Edward Higgins, and Jill Hickson with Montana Legal Services Association and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, Alison Paul, Beth Hayes, Edward Higgins, and Jill Hickson with Montana Legal Services Association agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Alison Paul, Beth Hayes, Edward Higgins, and Jill Hickson with Montana Legal Services Association are prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistributing via internet based databases;
5. this exemption is valid through January 31, 2027, at which time the users may request an extension of its exempt status.

This exemption shall be applied to the entity's individual attorney PACER accounts.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



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Benjamin P. Hursh, Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court