

GENERAL ORDER NO. 05-15

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER TEMPORARILY WAIVING PACER USER FEES IN  
COUNTIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE RITA**

Hurricane Rita has displaced a number of attorneys and disrupted their ability to access their case files. Many must rely completely on PACER to recreate their case records. In order to assist the attorneys in coping with this situation, the court has determined that PACER users affected by Hurricane Rita should be exempt from the payment of PACER fees to access the court records of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas for a limited period of time, i.e. from Friday, October 7, 2005, through Friday, November 11, 2005. PACER users with offices in the following counties will be entitled to this temporary exemption from payment of PACER fees: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

**FOR THE COURT:**

  
THAD HEARTFIELD  
Chief Judge