UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NextGen CM/ECF version 1.6.3 Release Notes

Over the weekend of March 26, 2022, the Court upgraded its NextGen CM/ECF system to version 1.6.3. In addition to updating some internal features, this version also includes a few new features that may impact filers:

PDF Documents Quality Assurance

To ensure that PDF files uploaded to CM/ECF are viewable in the future, additional quality checks will be applied to PDF files in version 1.6.3. In addition to the file type and file size, the file format will also be validated.

In some rare situations, PDF files that previously were acceptable by CM/ECF could be rejected. Please consult your technical support when that occurs. Some possible methods to repair these PDF files could be found here.

Free Look Confirmation Screen

A free look is provided via the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to case participants when a new pleading or claim is filed. Some antivirus programs access links within emails to verify their safety; in some cases, this can use the free look that was intended for the case participant. Some changes have been made to the free look functionality to provide an option to avoid this issue.

In the Maintain Your ECF Account/Maintain User Accounts link, a new check box has been added to the "Email Information" screen:

The **Enable confirmation of Free Look Use to verify your one free look will be used when a document link is clicked from CM/ECF emails (NEFs)** option, if selected, inserts an additional confirmation screen when a link is clicked from a CM/ECF NEF email, to allow the user to confirm that the free look will be used. This prevents anti-virus software from using the free look when it checks the links in the email for viruses.

If the new check box is not selected, the free look is used whenever the link is accessed, as it was in previous releases.