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for PACER Users

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1 Introduction

This document summarizes the changes you may notice when you use NextGen CM/ECF in a U. S. Bankruptcy Court that has installed Release 1.6 of the application. Because certain features are court configurable, courts may choose not to implement all of them. Thus, what you see in particular courts may vary.

2 Free Look Confirmation Screen

A free look is provided to case participants when a new pleading 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 avoid this issue. In the Maintain Your ECF Account module, a new check box has been added to the "Email Information" screen:

Email information for John Marshall	
Primary email address	<input type="text"/> Edit primary email address
Secondary email address	<input type="text"/> Reenter secondary email address <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 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).	

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.

<p>Notice: Confirm Free Look Use</p> <p>This action will use your one free look for this document. Additional viewings of this document in the future will incur a billing charge.</p> <p>To view the document and use the free look click here</p>
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If the new check box is not selected, the free look is used whenever the link is accessed, as it was in previous releases.

3 PDF-related functionality for public filers

A new document, PDF-Related Functionality for Public Filers in NextGen CM/ECF Release 1.6, has been posted to the PACER Service Center website. The document is available [here](#). This document provides an overview of PDF-related functionality for all three court types with the NextGen CM/ECF Release 1.6. Topics covered include:

- PDF Definition and Software
- Converting Documents to PDF
- Viewing a PDF Document Prior to Upload
- Document Size Requirements
- PDF Content Criteria
- How to Flatten a PDF
- Viewing Combined PDFs in CM/ECF

4 Miscellaneous Updates

Case Opening	CM/ECF screens that indicate the Small Business status have been updated to add a new option for the filer to choose a chapter 11 Subchapter V filing. This option has been added to BK case opening screens (OpeningBkStatistics DPF), and the Edit Case Data/Edit Statistical Data screen.
	A new subchapter V element (element #80) has been added to the legacy Case Upload file. See the CM/ECF Case Upload File Specifications document for details regarding Case Upload.
	A new <Subchapter> element has been added to the NextGen XML Case Opening XML schema. See the Bankruptcy Petition Information Exchange Package Documentation for details regarding NextGen XML Case Opening.
Claims Upload	When a public filer submitted a Claims Upload transferClaim action in release 1.5, an error occurred, and the fee was not generated; this has been fixed.
File Size and Type Limits	Courts now have the option to limit the size and type of files allowed to be uploaded into CM/ECF. If you attempt to upload a file that is too large, or a file type that is not permitted, you will see an error message.