

NEWS FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURT

April 2, 2021

NextGen CM/ECF: The go-live date for transitioning to NextGen CM/ECF is Monday, April 12, 2021.

To facilitate the transition, CM/ECF will be shut down and unavailable to all public users from 1:00 p.m. (Central time) on Friday, April 9, through 8:00 a.m. (Central time) on Monday, April 12. This means public users will not be able to access CM/ECF to look at documents (including restricted documents), view docket sheets, or electronically file any documents during this time period. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. Attorneys and pro se filers will be allowed to manually file documents during normal business hours in the Clerk's Office while CM/ECF is shut down.

As a reminder, attorneys and pro se filers should have already taken the following actions:

1. Verified you have an upgraded individual PACER account.
2. Ensured you know your current case sensitive CM/ECF login and password.
3. Ensured you know your PACER username and password.

For more information about these important actions, please see the [February 12, 2021](#), and the [March 12, 2021](#), attorney newsletters.

Linking Accounts: On Monday, April 12, after our court is live on NextGen CM/ECF, attorneys and pro se filers will be required to link their current CM/ECF accounts to their upgraded individual PACER accounts. This linking must be accomplished before the attorney or pro se filer can continue to electronically file documents in this district court. This is a one-time procedure that cannot be completed until after, I repeat after, our court is live on NextGen CM/ECF.

****Complete linking instructions are attached.****

Once the linking is done, attorneys and pro se filers will only use their upgraded individual **PACER** account credentials to log into CM/ECF to electronically file documents and view documents (including restricted documents) and other information stored in this court's CM/ECF system. After linking accounts, attorneys and pro se filers will still log into CM/ECF by clicking on the E-Filing (CM/ECF) link on the District of South Dakota's website located at www.sdd.uscourts.gov. Users will be rerouted to PACER in the background.

For more information about NextGen CM/ECF, please click [here](#) to see answers to frequently asked questions. If you have more questions, please contact the PACER Service Center at 1-800-676-6856 or the local NextGen CM/ECF Helpline at 605-357-2482.