UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

IN THE MATTER OF:

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2020-2

REQUESTS FOR REFUND OF FEES PAID ELECTRONICALLY

WHEREAS, the Judicial Conference of the United States has a longstanding policy of prohibiting the refund of fees; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Conference of the United States has determined that use of CM/ECF necessitates the collection of fees electronically via credit card and errors in electronic payments will occur; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized courts the discretion to exercise limited refund authority when errors in electronic payments occur; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Wisconsin have determined that it would promote the efficient administration of cases if refunds are permitted in limited circumstances; and WHEREAS, the authority to approve a refund is a judicial determination

that may also be delegated to the Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 956, the Judges of this Court hereby authorize the Clerk or Chief Deputy Clerk to sign and enter orders for the refund of fees from the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule under the following circumstances:

1) All requests will be by notice or motion;

- 2) Refund checks will only be issued if an electronic refund cannot be accomplished;
- 3) Repeated requests for refunds from the same requestor or law firm may result in remedial action by the Court.

Dated: March 27, 2020

Catherine J. Furay

Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge