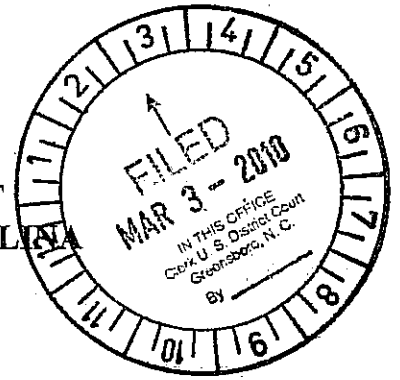


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



IN RE:)
REFUND POLICY FOR ERRONEOUS)
ELECTRONIC FILING FEES)
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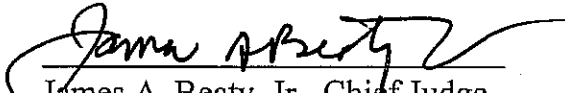
Pursuant to longstanding Judicial Conference Policy, there has been a general prohibition against the refund of filing fees. In recent years, the Judicial Conference has recognized that the use of credit cards to pay filing fees via credit cards for electronically filing documents may result in errors, and, accordingly, has given guidance to courts for establishing policies to be followed to refund erroneously charged filing fee payments.

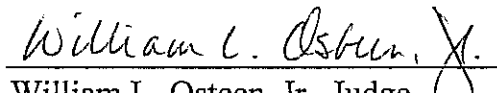
In consideration of the Judicial Conference's guidelines regarding the refund of electronic filing fees, it is Ordered that the Clerk of Court, or the Clerk's designee, shall be authorized to refund a filing fee erroneously paid via credit card:


- (1) if discovered by the Court or the Clerk's Office that a fee has been erroneously paid; or
- (2) if an attorney requests a refund and it can be determined by the Clerk of Court, or the Clerk's designee, that the fee has been erroneously paid.

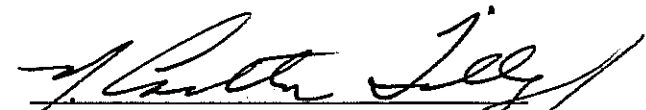
Upon verification of the error, the refund shall be processed back to the same credit card from which the erroneous payment was made and written record of the refund maintained in the Clerk's financial records.

This the 3rd day of March, 2010.


James A. Beaty, Jr., Chief Judge
United States District Court


William L. Osteen, Jr., Judge
United States District Court


Thomas D. Schroeder, Judge
United States District Court


N. Carlton Tilley, Jr., Senior Judge
United States District Court