Proposed Order Regarding Electronic Exhibits for Trial

- 1. Whenever a party determines and the Court orders that the submission of documentary and/or photographic evidence will be made in electronic format in a particular case, the submission of the proposed exhibits will be made pursuant to this order.
- 2. The proposed electronic exhibits shall be submitted in portable document format (.PDF).
- 3. Photographs must have at least a 1 inch border at the top of the page for the clerk to be able to affix the indicator documenting the admission of the photo. If the court deems the quality of the photograph is not of sufficient quality for demonstrative purposes, the photo shall be re-submitted in traditional format.
- 4. Prior to trial each party will be assigned a range of exhibit numbers for use in naming exhibits. The file name for each proposed electronic exhibit shall be numerical, i.e. 1047.pdf. Each page within the proposed exhibit will be internally and sequentially numbered beginning with the trial exhibit number and the page number will be placed on each page of the proposed electronic exhibit in the lower right hand corner in the following format "1047-001". No letters will be used as exhibit numbers for identifying proposed electronic exhibits.
- 5. The proposed electronic exhibits shall be submitted on a single electronic storage device, except when the integrity of the proposed electronic exhibit would be corrupted by being on a single electronic storage device or the volume of the proposed electronic exhibit(s) cannot practically be stored on a single electronic storage device. The electronic storage device must have space available for additional storage of electronic data in at least an amount equal to the storage required for the proposed electronic exhibit(s). External hard drives must have a minimum read speed of 33 MBps and minimum write speed of 25 MBps.
- 6. An exhibit list in substantially the same form as the attachment hereto shall be provided in paper form as well as electronic in Excel format. The electronic (Excel) version of the exhibit list is to be named "Exhibit List" and is to be located on the master electronic storage device only. The font size shall be 12 and the font style to be used is Times New Roman. The list must include the following information in tabular format for each proposed electronic exhibit (please note that traditional "physical" evidence is not to be listed on the electronic exhibit list and should be submitted on a separate exhibit list):
 - a. The exhibit number for the proposed electronic exhibit consistent with paragraph 4 above
 - b. The identification of the electronic storage device on which the proposed exhibit is stored or a space for the clerk to make notation in the event the Exhibit was submitted in traditional form
 - c. A description of the proposed electronic exhibit
 - d. Any numeric or alphanumeric designation used on the proposed electronic exhibit during discovery or other pretrial proceedings

- e. Whether a stipulation to the admission of the proposed electronic exhibit exists
- f. A space for the clerk to make notation on the date the proposed electronic exhibits is offered
- g. A space for the clerk to make notation on objections made to the proposed electronic exhibits at the time it is offered for admission
- h. A space for the clerk to make notation on the admission of the proposed electronic exhibits
- 7. Absent good cause shown, no exhibits not included in the proffered electronic storage device will be accepted electronically.
- 8. The proposed electronic exhibit shall exactly match the admitted electronic exhibit. Any change between the proposed electronic exhibit and the admitted electronic exhibit will require the submission of the exhibit as a supplemental proposed electronic exhibit by offering counsel with a new proposed exhibit number in conformance with paragraph 4.
- 9. The party offering the proposed electronic exhibits shall provide the clerk with two identical sets of the proposed electronic exhibits on separate electronic storage devices. In the event of a jury trial, an additional blank electronic storage device will be required to copy all of the admitted electronic exhibits onto for use by the jury (see paragraph 12). The clerk will maintain one of the electronic storage devices as a master without modification.
- 10. Prior to the clerk admitting the electronic storage devices, the clerk will perform a virus check on each device in the presence of counsel or their designee.
- 11. Following admission of a proposed electronic exhibit, the clerk will electronically move the admitted electronic exhibit to a subfolder for all admitted exhibits wherein the clerk will electronically affix an indicator documenting the admission of the proposed electronic exhibit in the case and identifying the case number and date of admission. The admitted electronic exhibit will be protected from any additional attempts to modify the admitted electronic exhibit.
- 12. Prior to the commencement of deliberations by a jury, if the trial is a jury trial, the party proffering the electronic exhibits will provide a laptop computer and additional monitor with only an operating system and associated programs, an adobe program to permit viewing of the admitted exhibits, and no internet or other research capability. The laptop will be subject to inspection by Court I.T. staff and counsel for compliance prior to it being provided to the deliberating jury.
- 13. Upon completion of the trial, the clerk will transmit the electronic storage device to the vault for retention in accordance with Part XI of the Supreme Court Rules.