

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

In Re: Application for Exemption from the)
Electronic Public Access Fees by Sudha Mani) General Order No. 2018-16

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request of Sudha Mani, for a temporary exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts for the purposes of performing research.

The Court finds that Sudha Mani, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule appended to 28 U.S.C. §1914 as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Mani has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

ACCORDINGLY:

Sudha Mani shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of researching civil cases involving contract enforcement. Ms. Mani shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to Sudha Mani, PACER Account No. 3524811, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are

available through the PACER system;

3. By accepting this exemption, Ms. Mani agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption;
4. Ms. Mani is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as the result of receiving this fee exemption, including redistribution via Internet based databases, unless expressly authorized by the Court; and
4. Unless extended by further order, this exemption is valid until October 31, 2019.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. Any further extension will be granted only upon a written request supported by an explanation of the limited scope of the research for which it is sought, the progress to-date, and the anticipated date of its conclusion.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and to the PACER Service Center.

SO ORDERED.

ENTERED: September 27, 2018.

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann
Theresa L. Springmann, Chief Judge
United States District Court