## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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Case No.: 4:08-mc-16-JPG

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc., an Illinois non-profit corporation, and Danny Lee Shelton, individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Gailon Arthur Joy and Robert Pickle,

Defendants.

### DEFENDANT ROBERT PICKLE'S MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY

Defendant Robert Pickle seeks leave of the Court to file electronically.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 1 states, "These rules ... should be construed and administered to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding." The ECF system provides an excellent means of saving time and expense.

Defendant Pickle is a resident of rural, northwest Minnesota. Local Rule 7.1(g) requires that reply briefs be filed within 5 days of service of a response. Since service by mail of a response could at times take as long as 5 days to reach Defendant Pickle if a weekend falls during that period, filing electronically is an effective way to help ensure a just determination.

Defendant Robert Pickle is already registered to file electronically in the Districts of Massachusetts and Minnesota, and he has so filed multiple times. He is familiar with the rules of redaction when filing electronically for social security numbers, dates of birth, financial account numbers, and the names of minor children. WHEREFORE, Defendant Pickle prays the Court to grant leave to use the ECF system to

file electronically.

Dated: June 19, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Pickle, *pro se* Halstad, MN 56548 Tel: (218) 456-2568 Fax: (206) 203-3751

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on June 19, 2008, he served this **MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY** with accompanying **AFFIDAVIT** and **PROPSOED ORDER** upon the following counsel of record, via U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, and addressed as follows:

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and upon Gailon Arthur Joy via email.

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## ORDER GRANTING LEAVE

The Motion to Grant Leave to File Electronically is hereby **GRANTED.** Defendant

Robert Pickle, pro se may file electronically using the ECF system.

IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED:

> J. Phil Gilbert United States District Judge

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### AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT PICKLE

NOW COMES Robert Pickle of Halstad Township, Norman County, Minnesota, who deposes and testifies to the following under pain and penalty of perjury:

1. I am a defendant in the underlying action in the District of Massachusetts.

2. I am registered to file electronically in the District of Minnesota and the District of Massachusetts, and have filed in that manner repeatedly.

3. I am familiar with the rules for redaction of social security numbers, dates of birth, home addresses, financial account numbers, and the names of minor children.

4. The Plaintiffs' motion requires the filing of a large volume of documents in order to demonstrate the relevancy of the time periods and material sought, documents that have already been filed in other courts. Filing electronically will therefore save a percentage of the duplication of time and effort that this new motion of the Plaintiffs necessitates.

#### FURTHER DEPONENT TESTIFIES NOT.

Signed and sealed this 19th day of June, 2008.

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