

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR
EXEMPTION FROM THE
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY
ASHUPTA FARJANA

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2020-17

GENERAL ORDER

Before the Court is the application and request by Ashupta Farjana for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that Ashupta Farjana, as a PHD student, at University of North Texas, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for fee exemption. Additionally, Ashupta Farjana has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ashupta Farjana shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, for her research of information of U.S. companies against which litigations were filed by its shareholders and environmental litigations filed against the companies to the extent such use is incurred in the course preparing her dissertation. She 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 Ashupta Farjana and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. By accepting this exemption, Ashupta Farjana agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Ashupta Farjana is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
5. This exemption is valid four (4) months from the date of this order.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 8th day of September, 2020.



SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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