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In Re:

LAUNCH OF EFILE.DOL.GOV

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

In view of the risks presented by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, the Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ), United States Department of Labor (DOL) implemented an e-mail based system for electronic filings with OALJ, and electronic service by OALJ. Administrative Notices issued by the undersigned relaxed the applicable rules of practice and procedure to accommodate electronic service in view of the pandemic. See https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oalj/COVID_19_AND_HEARINGS for related Administrative Notices.

On Monday, December 7, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor (“DOL”) is launching its new eFile/eServe System (“EFS”) for use by the public in adjudications before the OALJ and the Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals (“BALCA”), and before the Administrative Review Board (“ARB”), the Benefits Review Board (“BRB”), and the Employee Compensation Appeals Board (“ECAB”). This is a “soft-launch,” meaning that using EFS will be voluntary. It provides a new and improved method for e-filing and e-service during the pandemic, and going forward. OALJ encourages parties to use EFS for e-filing and e-service. Information on how EFS works and how to register is found at <https://efile.dol.gov/>.¹

Until further notice, parties will be permitted to e-file with OALJ and with BALCA using either EFS; the e-mail system stood up by OALJ in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; or conventional means, such as regular or express mail, courier service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. Parties should consult with the ARB, BRB and ECAB on requirements for filing with those agencies.²

SO NOTICED.

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Chief Administrative Law Judge
Chair, Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals

¹ See also <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oalj/EFS>.

² See https://www.dol.gov/agencies/arb/arb_efile; https://www.dol.gov/agencies/brb/brb_efile; https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ecab/ecab_efile.