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Identifying requirements for the next generation of CM/ECF is in process. Refer to the "What's New with PACER" section of the PACER website, for information and updates to PACER and CM/ECF.

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