

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

In the Matter of the Amendment
of Supreme Court Rules: (Proposed)
SCR Chapter 75 -- Electronic
Data Dissemination

ORDER
No. 96-16

The court held a public hearing May 6, 1997 on the petition of the Director of State Courts requesting the adoption of rules governing access to and release of electronic database information in the courts, applicable to circuit and appellate courts and to the Office of the Director of State Courts. At that hearing, several persons appeared in opposition to the petition, in whole or in part, and Judge Gary L. Carlson, on behalf of the petitioner, submitted a revised petition, to which opposition was also expressed. A copy of the revised petition is available from the office of the clerk of the court. Because of the issues raised at the public hearing, the court wishes to have further comment from interested persons on the matter, including the fundamental issue identified by the court as whether there is a need for the proposed rules to govern access to and release of electronic database information in the courts in addition to the existing rules governing access to and release of paper records.

IT IS ORDERED that the petition is held in abeyance for further consideration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that written comments, with eight copies thereof, on the revised petition submitted at the

public hearing may be filed with the court on or before
September 2, 1997.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order shall
be published in the official state newspaper and in an
official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more
than 30 days following the date of the order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 4th day of June, 1997.

BY THE COURT:

Marilyn L. Graves, Clerk