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Thirty-Five years ago, a reporter called the office of the Secretary of State, "The least complicated, most accessible agency in state government. Since that time, this office has continuously strived to maintain that reputation. Technology has played a great part in our success at achieving that goal.

July 1, 2001, we released an on-line filing system for our Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) customers that allows filing and searching of UCC transactions via the internet. The system was developed through a partnership with the Information Network of Kansas and the Kansas Bankers Association. In order to determine the needs of our customers, we met with 2,000 bankers at 19 different locations throughout the State. We incorporated their requests into the application including their desire for a financial incentive for filing on line.

At that time, the cost for filings submitted on paper was increased to \$20 and the online filing fee was reduced \$5. Our goal was to see 65% electronically filed by the end of the first year. We exceeded that goal on the first day when 68% of all filings were submitted electronically. The move to electronic allowed our office to reduce staff from 10 full-time employees and three part-time employees to our current staffing level of one part-time position.

Over the last decade we have added other successful online services including the following;

- Business Entity annual reports – 50% electronic filings
- Name Reservations – 90% electronic filings
- Articles of Organization – 70% electronic filings

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 785-296-3828.

Sincerely,

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