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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Petitioner, y. POR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA CASE NO. 4:07CV3242 MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

WILLIAM R. GIBSON,)

Respondent.

Petitioner has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, an application to proceed in forma pauperis, and a copy of his institutional trust account statement. After reviewing the statement, I find that petitioner's average monthly income, as reflected in the trust account statement is \$172.41.

Habeas corpus cases attacking the legality of a person's confinement require the payment of a \$5.00 fee. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The court has reviewed the application to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)-(2). (The court recognizes that the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b) do not apply to habeas cases. See *Malave v. Hedrick*, 271 F.3d 1139, 1139-40 (8th Cir. 2001).) Because the petitioner's trust account shows that the petitioner had an average monthly balance of \$100 or more in the petitioner's account for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the petition, the court concludes that the petitioner must be required to pay the \$5.00 filing fee because the petitioner has the financial ability to do so. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). No further review of this case shall take place until the fee is paid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis (Filing No. 2) is denied;

- 2. The petitioner is granted until November 13, 2007 to pay the \$5.00 filing fee. The petitioner is warned that if the fee is not paid as required, the court may dismiss this case without further notice;
- 3. The Clerk of the court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this case using the following text: November 13, 2007: deadline for petitioner to pay \$5.00 filing fee; and
- 4. No further review of this case shall take place until the filing fee is paid.

DATED this 11th day of October, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp United States District Judge