Entered: October 28th, 2026
Signed: October 28th, 2026

SO ORDERED

LORI S. SIMPSON
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

In re:	*	
BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER SERVICE INTERRUPTION	*	ADMIN. ORDER 26-05
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FURTHER ORDER REGARDING BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER SERVICE DISRUPTION AND ORDER RESCINDING ADMINISTRTIVE ORDER 26-04

A nationwide service interruption affecting the Bankruptcy Noticing Center ("BNC") resulted in certain electronic or paper notices required in bankruptcy cases and proceedings to not be timely transmitted for the time period October 7, 2026 through October 25, 2026, providing no timely notice of response deadlines, hearing dates and times or other case information (the "BNC Service Disruption"). The BNC resumed going forward operations on October 26, 2026, and plans to process the accumulated backlog in chronological order tentatively beginning on October 26 with documents from October 7,[1] followed on October 27

[1] Notices for October 7, 2026 were timely served by BNC but the certificates of notice were not docketed.

with documents from October 8[2] and October 9, and tentatively concluding with documents from October 23 on November 1, 2026.[3]

The Court entered Administrative Order 26-04 on October 22, 2026, which among other things requires the Clerk to serve certain notices and papers on self-represented parties, provides for the regular, continued convening of Section 341 meetings of creditors, subject to adjournment if service of notice of the meeting was not completed, and temporarily requires the moving party to serve Orders entered by the Court.

On October 22, 2026, the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference, on behalf of the Judicial Conference, declared a "Bankruptcy Rules emergency" under Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9038.

There is good cause for the implementation of continued temporary procedures as set forth herein to ensure the continued administration of bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings and to ameliorate any negative impact resulting from the BNC service disruption pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Rules 2002, 9006, and 9038 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Court's authority to administer its docket.

Therefore, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, hereby:

ORDERED that Administrative Order 26-04 is hereby RESCINDED; and it is further

ORDERED that meetings of creditors under 11 U.S.C. § 341 shall continue to be

[2] Some notices for October 8, 2026 were timely served by BNC but the certificates of notice were not docketed. Some of the notices for October 8 were not timely served.

[3] The current BNC restoration plan calls for notices for October 10 through October 13 to be processed by BNC on October 28, notices for October 14 and October 15 to be processed on October 29, notices for October 16 through October 19 to be processed on October 30, and notices for October 20 through October 22 to be processed on October 31.

convened as scheduled. If notice of a meeting was delayed because of the BNC service interruption such that the notice when served by BNC did not comply with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a), the meeting shall be adjourned and shall not be concluded until proper notice has been provided and creditors have had an opportunity to participate. The presiding trustee may conduct such limited examinations or other proceedings as are reasonably necessary to protect the estate and discharge the trustee's duties, without prejudice to the rights of creditors to participate following proper notice. Adjournments shall comply with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2003(e); and it is further

ORDERED that any party prejudiced by delayed noticing from the BNC Service Disruption may seek a continuance, additional notice or extension where legally permitted, or other appropriate relief, with a request made through an appropriate motion in the applicable bankruptcy case or proceeding, identifying the affected notice, explaining how the failure to receive timely notice affected the party and specifying the relief requested; and it is further

ORDERED that all scheduled hearings shall proceed unless the Court orders otherwise, and Chambers will contact counsel to reschedule proceedings if necessary; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

END OF ORDER