UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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In re:

Restoration of Bankruptcy Noticing Center Services and Termination of Temporary Procedures.
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Administrative Order 26-005

ORDER REGARDING BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER SERVICE RESTORATION

On October 14, 2026, and October 20, 2026 the Court entered Administrative Orders 2026-03 and 2026-04 in response to the nationwide interruption of services provided by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center ("BNC"). Administrative Order 2026-04 established temporary procedures for providing notices and service during the interruption. The Court has since been advised that:

- on October 26, 2026, BNC restored its normal noticing operations and reopened access to the National Creditor Registration Service ("NCRS") along with the preferred address functionality associated with 11 U.S.C. § 342(f);

- all applicable notices and orders generated by the Court on or after October 26, 2026 will be served by BNC in the normal course;

- BNC started to address the backlog of unserved notices that accumulated between October 7 and October 25, 2026;

- previously unserved notices will be served by BNC over a period of time that is estimated to take up to one week.

Due to the restoration of BNC services, the temporary substitute-noticing procedures of Administrative Order 2026-04 are no longer necessary. The Court nevertheless determines it appropriate to preserve the effect of service properly accomplished during the interruption and to address issues arising from delayed notice or service. Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002, and statutes, rules, and other applicable law, it is **ORDERED**:

1. **Restoration of BNC Services.** The Clerk is directed to resume transmitting notices and orders to the BNC for processing in the ordinary course, with BNC utilizing the NCRS and applicable preferred-address procedures under 11 U.S.C. § 342(f) in accordance with applicable law.

2. **Termination of Temporary Procedures.** Effective immediately, Administrative Order 2026-04 is terminated prospectively. Nothing in this paragraph alters any service obligation independently imposed by statute, rule, local rule, or an order entered in an individual case.

3. **Notices Generated During the Interruption.** Notices and orders in the BNC backlog will be served through the restored BNC process. A document's prior submission to BNC for processing in and of itself without completed service, however, does not constitute proof of service. The actual service performed and the corresponding certificate of notice will govern the record of BNC service. The date of service stated in the BNC certificate of notice, not the date on which the certificate is docketed, is the date of BNC service.

4. **Service Previously Completed.** Service properly effected by a debtor, trustee, or other party during the interruption remains effective to the extent permitted by applicable law. Later BNC service of a document already properly served does not start or restart any period.

5. **Bankruptcy Rules Emergency Declaration.** Before BNC services were restored, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a "Bankruptcy Rules emergency" under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9038 on October 22, 2026. While the declaration is in effect, Rule 9038(c) authorizes the chief bankruptcy judge to extend or toll certain deadlines for all cases in the district, and a presiding judge to do so in a specific case, except time periods imposed by statute. The declaration remains in effect through January 7, 2027, unless the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts terminates it earlier. Notwithstanding the emergency declaration, the Court opted not to grant a blanket extension of time or toll any applicable time periods or deadlines across all cases.

6. **Deadlines, Hearings, and Requests for Relief.** The Court will assess the need for relief from any deadline affected by the BNC service interruption on a case-by-case basis. Any party affected during the interruption by notice that was delayed, insufficient, or never given may seek appropriate relief by filing a motion in the affected case or proceeding. This Order does not, by itself, extend, shorten, restart, or otherwise alter any statutory or rule-based deadline or any scheduled hearing.

DONE AND ORDERED on October 28, 2026.



Mary W. Colón
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge