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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN RE: RESTORATION OF BANKRUPTCY
NOTICING CENTER SERVICES AND
TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY GUIDANCE**

GENERAL ORDER 26-04

On October 23, 2026, the Court entered its [General Order 26-03](#) *In re: Temporary Guidance During the Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Disruption* in response to the disruption of services affecting the Bankruptcy Noticing Center and courts nationwide. The order provided temporary guidance for providing notices and service during the interruption. On October 26, 2026, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO) informed courts that the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) operations resumed and that operations would begin with addressing the backlog of notices that accumulated beginning on October 7, 2026. The Court has since been advised that the BNC fully 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). The Court was further advised that all applicable notices and orders generated by the Court on or after October 26, 2026, will be served by BNC in the normal course. Any unserved notices that accumulated between October 7, 2026 and October 25, 2026, will be distributed by BNC beginning with the oldest notices and working forward. The Court has been able to validate that notices

1 have been generated through the restoration as described, beginning October 26, 2026.

2 BNC has reported that it expects to clear the entire backlog within approximately one week.

3 In light of BNC's restoration of services, the temporary substitute-noticing procedures
4 of General Order 26-03 are no longer necessary. The Court finds it appropriate to preserve
5 the effect of service properly accomplished during the interruption and to resolve any issues
6 arising from delayed notice or service.

7 Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Rules 2002 and 9006 of the Federal Rules
8 of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Court's authority to administer its docket, and subject in all
9 respects to all applicable statutes, rules, and other applicable law,

10 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

- 11 **1. Restoration of BNC Services.** The Clerk shall resume transmitting notices
12 and orders to the BNC for processing in the ordinary course, with BNC utilizing
13 the NCRS and applicable preferred-address procedures under 11 U.S.C. § 342(f)
14 in accordance with applicable law.
- 15 **2. Termination of Temporary Procedures.** Effective immediately, General Order 26-03
16 is terminated prospectively. Debtors, trustees, and other parties are relieved of the
17 additional noticing obligations imposed under General Order 26-03 for documents
18 that BNC is obligated to serve. Nothing in this paragraph alters any service obligation
19 independently imposed by statute, rule, local rule, or an order entered in an individual
20 case.
- 21 **3. Notices Generated During the Interruption.** Notices and orders in the BNC backlog
22 will be served through the restored BNC process. A document's prior submission
23 for BNC processing, without completed service, shall not in and of itself be treated
24 as proof of service. The actual service performed and the corresponding certificate
25 of service will govern the record of BNC service.
- 26 **4. Service Previously Completed.** Service properly effected by a debtor, trustee,
27 or other party during the interruption remains effective to the extent permitted
28 by applicable law.

1 **5. Bankruptcy Rules Emergency Declaration.** Before BNC services were restored,
2 the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a “Bankruptcy Rules emergency”
3 under Rule 9038 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure on October 22, 2026.
4 The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts,
5 on behalf of the Judicial Conference, declared the “bankruptcy rules emergency”
6 based on a finding that extraordinary circumstances affecting electronic access
7 to the bankruptcy courts substantially impair the courts’ ability to perform their
8 functions in compliance with the bankruptcy rules due to the nationwide disruption
9 of services provided by the BNC. The declaration allows each bankruptcy court
10 to extend or toll certain deadlines during the period of October 9, 2026, through
11 January 7, 2027, unless earlier terminated by the Director of the AO. The declared
12 Bankruptcy Rules emergency extends to all bankruptcy courts and grants authority
13 for 90 days beginning on October 9, 2026.

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15 Under FRBP 9038(c)(1)(A), the chief bankruptcy judge may, for all cases and
16 proceedings in the district, order the extension or tolling of a Bankruptcy Rule,
17 local rule, or order that requires or allows the Court, the Clerk, a party in interest,
18 or the United States trustee, by a specified deadline to commence a proceeding,
19 file or send a document, hold or conclude a hearing, or take any other action,
20 despite any other Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order. Under FRBP 9038(c)(1)(B),
21 the chief bankruptcy judge may, for all cases and proceedings in the district or
22 in a division, order that, when a Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order requires
23 that an action be taken “promptly,” “forthwith,” “immediately,” or “without delay,”
24 it be taken as soon as practicable or by a date set by the Court in a specific case
25 or proceeding.

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27 Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c)(2), a presiding judge may take the action
28 described above in a specific case or proceeding.

