THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

GENERAL ORDER ADDRESSING RESTORATION
OF BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER SERVICES

The Bankruptcy Noticing Center ("BNC") experienced a nationwide service disruption beginning on October 7, 2026 through October 25, 2026 that prevented it from transmitting both paper and electronic notices and orders to parties in the ordinary course. This outage also affected the ability to access the creditors' matrices through traditional means in the Court's Case Management /Electronic Case Filing System ("CM/ECF"), as well as the preferred addresses registered by creditors with the National Creditor Registration Service ("NCRS"). *Importantly, the service interruption did not affect Notices of Electronic Filing (NEFs) transmitted through CM/ECF, which continued to function normally.* [1]

On October 15, 2026, the Court entered its General Order Regarding Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Disruption in response to the nationwide interruption of services provided by the BNC.

The Court has been advised that as of Monday October 26, 2026, the BNC fully restored its normal noticing operations and reopened access to the NCRS along with the preferred-address functionality associated with 11 U.S.C. § 342(f). The Court is 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. BNC also started to address the backlog of unserved notices that accumulated

[1] All Court generated notices under Rule 2002 and other relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules as well as notices filed on the Court's docket by parties, generate an NEF, which is electronically sent to all authorized users of CM/ECF. Pro Se individuals and represented parties who are not registered users of CM/ECF do *not* receive NEFS and traditionally receive notices from the BNC through paper mailings or electronic means.

October 7 – 25, 2026. The unserved notices will be distributed by BNC over the remainder of this week, beginning with the oldest notices and working forward. BNC expects to clear the entire backlog by October 31, 2026.

Notwithstanding the restoration of services, the Court nevertheless finds it appropriate to preserve the effect of service properly accomplished during the interruption and to resolve any issues arising from delayed notice or service.

Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), applicable Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Court's authority to administer its docket, and subject to applicable statutes and due process, it is hereby **ORDERED** on this 30th day of October 2026 that:

A. Restoration of BNC Services. The Clerk shall 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.

B. 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 for BNC processing, without completed service, shall not itself be treated as proof of service. The actual service performed and the corresponding certificate of service will govern the record of BNC service.

C. 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.

D. Bankruptcy Rules Emergency Declaration. Before BNC services were restored, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a "Bankruptcy Rules emergency" under Rule 9038 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure on October 22, 2026. The declaration allows each bankruptcy court to extend or toll certain deadlines during the period of October 9, 2026 through January 7, 2027, unless earlier terminated by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

E. Deadlines, Hearings, and Requests for Relief. Notwithstanding the emergency declaration, the Court opted not to grant a blanket extension of time or toll any applicable time periods across all cases. To the contrary, the Court will assess the need for such relief on a case-by-case basis. Any party, including unrepresented parties, affected by delayed, omitted, or insufficient notice during the interruption 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. The Court, the Clerk's Office, the U.S. Trustee's Office and the Chapter 13 Standing Trustees retain the discretion and authority, in the appropriate circumstances and without the necessity of a motion being filed, to (1) adjust dates and deadlines in the Notices that would have been sent during the period from October 7, 2026 through and including October 26, 2026 except with respect to those cases in which, an adjustment would involve a deadlines to object to discharge in a Chapter 7 case or proof of claim bar date in a Chapter 11 case and (2) provide for the proper noticing of any such adjusted dates and deadlines. To the extent any 341 meeting of creditors needs to be adjourned as a result of the BNC disruption, the U.S. Trustee, Chapter 7 Trustee and/or Chapter 13 trustee, can contact the Clerk's Office to request that BNC serve notice of any adjourned meeting.

F. **Implementation and Termination.** The Clerk may publish implementation instructions consistent with this Order. This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until further notice. Upon full and timely satisfaction of all backlog notices by the BNC, the Clerk and affected parties must coordinate to avoid duplicate or inconsistent notices and address any outstanding requests for tolling of deadlines or extension of time.

Dated: October 30, 2026

Christine M. Gravelle, Chief Judge
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
District of New Jersey