

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
GENERAL ORDER NO. 26-2
ORDER REGARDING BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER INTERRUPTION**

The Bankruptcy Noticing Center (“BNC”), which produces and transmits notices and orders on behalf of this court, experienced a nationwide service interruption starting October 9, 2026. Since then, notices and orders the court transmits to the BNC for delivery by mail or by Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing have not been delivered. The interruption also affects the National Creditor Registration Service (“NCRS”) and impairs the ability to generate creditor mailing matrices. The CM/ECF System, including Notices of Electronic Filing, continues to operate normally. The duration of the interruption is unknown.

Temporary procedures are necessary to ensure that legally sufficient notice is given in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings during the interruption. Accordingly, under 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a) and (f), 9007, and 9029(b), and D. Kan. LBR 1001.1(c) and LBR 9029.2,

IT IS ORDERED that during the effective period of this order:

1. *Standing Order:* This General Order and General Order 26-1 are temporary Standing Orders under LBR 9029.2.
2. *Applicability:* This Order applies to bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings pending in or commenced in this District while this Order remains effective.
3. *Definitions:*
 - a. *Court-issued document:* Includes any notice, order, judgment, or other document issued by the court.
 - b. *Designated person:* The person responsible for serving a document as dictated by this order.
4. *Supplemental Notice and Service Requirements During Outage:* This Order applies to court-issued documents ordinarily served by the court through the BNC for which required notice has not been given because of the service interruption. No duplicate notice is required to a recipient who has already been properly served through CM/ECF (e.g., in the form of a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF)) or other authorized method. The Clerk may identify affected docket entries and issue instructions for

corrective service consistent with this Order. For any affected court-issued document for which this Order does not assign responsibility, the Clerk must promptly refer the matter to the court for designation of the person responsible for providing notice. Existing obligations to serve court-issued documents (e.g., text-only orders) for which service is ordinarily the responsibility of a party remain in effect.

5. *Deadline to Provide Service:* The designated party must serve each court-issued document and file proof of service within 3 business days after the latter of (a) entry of this order or (b) the Clerk's docketing of the court-issued document. If service cannot be completed within the time required, the court may grant a motion for extension of time or other appropriate relief for good cause shown.

6. *Designations:*

a. *Notice of Meeting of Creditors: As Noted*

i. In any case filed on or after October 8, 2026, by a pro se debtor the **Clerk of Court** must serve the notice of meeting of creditors under 11 U.S.C. § 341 on all creditors and other entities entitled to receive it.

1. If the notice cannot be mailed at least 21 days before the scheduled meeting, the Clerk must promptly notify the trustee, who may reschedule the meeting. The Clerk must serve notice of any rescheduled meeting. Rescheduling the meeting does not by itself change any deadline stated in the notice; a party seeking relief from a deadline must proceed under D. Kan. General Order 26-1.

ii. In any case filed on or after October 8, 2026, by a debtor who is represented by an attorney the **Debtor** must serve the notice of meeting of creditors under 11 U.S.C. § 341 on all creditors and other entities entitled to receive it.

1. If the notice cannot be mailed at least 21 days before the scheduled meeting, the Debtor must promptly notify the trustee, who may reschedule the meeting. The Debtor must serve notice of any rescheduled meeting. Rescheduling the meeting does not by itself change any deadline stated in the notice; a party seeking relief from a deadline must proceed under D. Kan. General Order 26-1.

iii. Notwithstanding Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(1), the Debtor's social-security number and any other federal taxpayer-identification number may be limited to the last four digits on the copy served.

- b. *Chapter 13 Plan: As Noted*
 - i. In a case filed by a pro se debtor, a Chapter 13 plan filed with the petition will be served, together with notice of the time for filing objections and the hearing to consider confirmation, by the **Clerk of Court**.
 - ii. Notwithstanding LBR 3015(b).1(a), in a case filed by a debtor who is represented by an attorney the Chapter 13 plan or amended plan must be served together with the notice of the time for objections and the hearing to consider confirmation, by the **Debtor**.
- c. *Wage Orders: Chapter 13 Trustee*
 - i. Wage orders shall be served on the employer identified in the order by the **Chapter 13 Trustee**.
- d. *Motions: Movant*
 - i. Notice of hearing on any motion shall be served by the **party that filed the motion**.
 - ii. Orders issued by the court on any motion or proposal shall be served by the **party that filed the motion**.
 - iii. Orders issued by the court (including text-only orders) regarding any relief requested in writing or orally shall be served by the **party that requested such relief**.
- e. *Notices under Rule 2002 and Related Orders: As Noted*
 - i. Proposals to use, sell, or lease property under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(2) and orders on such proposals shall be served by the **proponent**.
 - ii. Notice of a hearing to approve a compromise or settlement under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(3) and orders on such shall be served by the **proponent that submitted the compromise or settlement to the court**.
 - iii. Notice of a hearing on a motion under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(4) or (a)(6) and orders on such motion shall be served by the **party that filed the motion**.
 - iv. Notice of the time to accept or reject a proposed plan modification act and orders that rule upon the proposed modification shall be served by the **proponent of the modification**. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(5).
 - v. Unless such deadline is included in the 341 notice, any of the following shall be served by the **Debtor**:
 - 1. Any notice of the
 - a. Time to file a proof of claim, see Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(7),
 - b. Time to object to and time of hearing to consider whether to confirm a Chapter 12 plan, see Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(8),

- c. Time to object to confirmation of a Chapter 13 plan, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(9), or
 - d. Time of the Chapter 13 confirmation hearing, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(b)(3), or
- 2. Any notice of
 - a. The order for relief, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(A).
 - b. The time to file a proof of claim under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3002, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(D), or
 - c. The time to file a complaint under 11 U.S.C. § 727 or § 523, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(E) and (F).
- vi. Notice of the deadlines and hearings regarding disclosure statements described in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(b)(1) and related orders shall be served by the **Debtor**.
- vii. Notice of the deadlines and hearings regarding confirmation of a Chapter 9 or Chapter 11 plan described in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(b)(2) and related orders shall be served by the **Debtor**.
- viii. Notice of a case's dismissal or conversion, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(B), shall be served by the **Debtor if the Debtor requests it, or the case trustee if the trustee requests it**.
- ix. Waiver, denial, or revocation of a discharge, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(G), shall be served by the **proponent**.
- x. Order confirming a plan or denying confirmation of a plan, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(H), shall be served by the **case trustee**.
- xi. Summary of the trustee's final report in a chapter 7 case if the net proceeds exceed \$1,500, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(I), shall be served by the **case trustee**.
- xii. Statement of presumed abuse, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(K), shall be served by the **U.S. Trustee**.
- xiii. Request to delay discharge, *see* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f)(1)(L), shall be served by the **party requesting the delay**.
- xiv. Order to set the deadline to file a proof of claim following either a notice of late discovered assets or notice of surplus funds by the **case trustee**.
- xv. Order fixing time to determine dischargeability following a request for hardship discharge shall be served by the **Debtor**.
- xvi. Orders regarding the report of parties planning conference, notice of scheduling conference, and other court-issued

documents in adversary cases—other than those described above—shall be served by the **Plaintiff**.

7. *Existing Service*: Transmission of a document to the BNC does not establish notice was given. Nothing in this order changes any party's obligation to serve documents under applicable law or rule.
8. *Service Upon a Debtor Represented by Counsel*: The Debtor's attorney shall promptly provide the Debtor with a complete copy of every court-issued document that ordinarily would be transmitted to the Debtor through the BNC (including through DeBN). The Debtor's attorney shall also promptly review the docket to identify any such documents entered on or after October 8, 2026, and provide the Debtor with copies of any documents not previously provided.
9. During the effective date of this Order, Debtors (and Debtors' attorneys) are responsible to monitor their case in PACER, download all court-issued documents, and serve notice of such court-issued documents for which they are responsible as a Designated person. If a Debtor is unable to access PACER, they may seek relief from this order for good cause shown in a motion filed with the court.
10. *Proof of Service*: The Designated person must promptly (a) verify that the required notice has been given or (b) provide the notice and file a Certificate of Service.
 - a. The requirements for a Certificate of Service are set forth in LBR 9013.3. CM/ECF users who serve pleadings and delegated notices/orders using a matrix or list pursuant to LBR 9013.3(2) may access the list of creditors and addresses within a case through the following process. However, because the list of creditors does not include all interested parties to a case (such as the debtors, trustees, or the U.S. Trustee), persons preparing a Certificate of Service must review service requirements to ensure that notice is provided to all appropriate parties, including those not listed on CM/ECF's list of creditors.
 - b. Select "Query" from the top menu in CM/ECF.
 - c. Input the case number and select the "Run Query" button.
 - d. Select the "Creditor" link.
 - e. The next screen will ask what Creditor type that you are searching. You may leave the "Creditor type" selection blank and select "Run Query" to list all creditors.
 - f. The next screen will display the list of the creditors and addresses to assist with service.

11. *Full Social Security Numbers to Case Trustees:* To facilitate the completion of 341 meetings, the Clerk of Court shall provide to the U.S. Trustee a list of full Social Security Numbers for Debtors in cases filed on or after October 8, 2026. The U.S. Trustee shall promptly produce to each case trustee the full Social Security Numbers for each Debtor in a case assigned to the case trustee.
12. *Additional Temporary Local Rule Modifications:* To the extent Local Bankruptcy Rules (LBRs) are inconsistent with this General Order, such LBRs are temporarily suspended, including the following:
- a. The Debtor shall comply with LBR 1009.1(a) notwithstanding the exception in LBR 1009.1(e).
 - b. LBR 2002.1(a)-(c) and (d)(1)-(2) are temporarily suspended.
 - c. LBR 3015(b).1(a) is temporarily suspended.
 - d. Notice of court orders and judgments pursuant to LBR 5005.1, Appx. 1-01, ¶X will be given notice in paper form to a person who has not consented to electronic service by the person(s) indicated above.
 - e. LBR 9036.1(d) is temporarily suspended because the BNC's DeBN service is experiencing an outage. Nevertheless, the Clerk is permitted to send notice by email to any Debtor who supplies an email address on a DeBN Request Form.
13. *Notice by Publication.* Because notice by mail of this order is impracticable under the circumstances and because it is desirable to attain the widest practicable notice possible, notice of this order is hereby given by publication on the court's website and copies of this order shall be distributed to recipients of the subscribers to this court's GovDelivery service. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(l) and LBR 9029.2(b).
14. *Published Hearing and 341 Schedules:* Parties are reminded that the court posts a calendar of court hearings and 341 meetings on its public website: <https://ksb-ecf.sso.dcn/cgi-bin/PublicCalendar.pl>.

15. *Further Orders.* This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of October 2026.

s/Mitchell L. Herren

MITCHELL L. HERREN
Chief Judge

s/Dale L. Somers

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Judge

s/Robert D. Berger

ROBERT D. BERGER
Judge

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