

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
GENERAL ORDER NO. 26-3
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. To address noticing and case management issues, the court issued General Order No. 26-1 (Oct. 13, 2026) and General Order No. 26-2 (Oct. 21, 2026).

On October 22, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts declared a “Bankruptcy Rules emergency” under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9038 based on a finding that the nationwide disruption of services provided by the BNC were extraordinary circumstances that impaired the courts’ ability to perform their functions in compliance with the Bankruptcy Rules. The Bankruptcy Rules emergency commenced on October 9, 2026, and extends through January 7, 2027, or such other date as the Administrative Office (AO) of the United States Courts determines that courts’ ability to perform their functions is no longer impaired by the BNC disruption.

Pursuant to the declaration of a Bankruptcy Rules emergency and Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c)(1)(A), the chief bankruptcy judge may, for all cases and proceedings in the district or in a division, order the extension or tolling of a Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order that requires or allows the Court, the Clerk, a party in interest, or the United States trustee, by a specified deadline, to commence a proceeding, file or send a document, hold or conclude a hearing, or take any other action, despite any other Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order.

Furthermore, pursuant to the declaration of a Bankruptcy Rules emergency and Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c)(1)(B), the chief bankruptcy judge may, for all cases and proceedings in the district or in a division, order that, when a Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order requires that an action be taken “promptly,” “forthwith,” “immediately,” or “without delay,” it be taken as soon as is practicable or by a date set by the Court in a specific case or proceeding.

The court is informed that on October 26, 2026, the BNC recommenced operations by retrieving court-issued documents that were issued on October 26, 2026. The court is further informed that the BNC will continue normal operations for court-issued documents filed after October 26, 2026.

The court is also informed that BNC websites and other electronic services are also restored, including:

- bnc.uscourts.gov
- bankruptcynotices.uscourts.gov
- notices.uscourts.gov
- National Creditor Registration Service website that supports CM/ECF access to address labels, and
- service through the Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (EBN) and Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) systems.

However, the BNC is still processing a backlog of court-issued documents that were issued between October 9 and October 23, 2026, inclusive. The BNC currently projects that it will finish retrieving the backlogged court-issued documents by October 31, 2026, and will serve those notices promptly after they are retrieved from the court. Certificates of service will be filed by the BNC for court-issued documents that it served.

To clarify parties' ongoing responsibilities and to protect parties from prejudice attributed to the BNC's service interruption as much as possible, under 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a) and (f), 9007, and 9029(b), D. Kan. LBR 1001.1(c), LBR 9029.2, and the declaration of the Bankruptcy Rules emergency,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. *General Orders.* The provisions of D. Kan. General Order Nos. 26-1 and 26-2 remain in effect except to the extent amended by this order.
2. *Standing Order.* This General Order is a temporary Standing Orders under LBR 9029.2.
3. *Applicability.* This Order applies to bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings pending in or commenced in this District while this Order remains effective.
4. *Supplemental Notice and Service Requirements During Outage.* The supplemental notice and service requirements and other temporary provisions set forth in paragraphs 4 through 12 of General Order 26-2:

- a. Remain effective for court-issued documents **filed on October 9 through October 23, 2026, inclusive**, and
 - b. Are terminated for court-issued documents **filed on and after October 26, 2026**.
5. *DeBN Notices by NEF*. In lieu of a notice sent by the BNC through the DeBN program, the Clerk is permitted to send notice by email in the form of a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to any Debtor who supplied an email address on a DeBN Request Form until that Debtor files an amended Debtor's Electronic Noticing Request (DeBN) form.
6. *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).
7. *Statutory Deadlines*. This Order does not extend, shorten, or alter any statutory deadline.
8. *Further Orders*. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of October 2026.

s/Mitchell L. Herren
MITCHELL L. HERREN
Chief Judge

s/Dale L. Somers
DALE L. SOMERS
Judge

s/Robert D. Berger
ROBERT D. BERGER
Judge

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