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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NC**

IN RE:

**BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER
SERVICE DISRUPTION AND
BANKRUPTCY RULES EMERGENCY**

GENERAL ORDER

Beginning on or about October 7, 2026, a nationwide disruption of Bankruptcy Noticing Center ("BNC") services prevented the timely transmission of notices in certain bankruptcy cases. BNC services have since been restored following approximately 19 days of disrupted noticing.

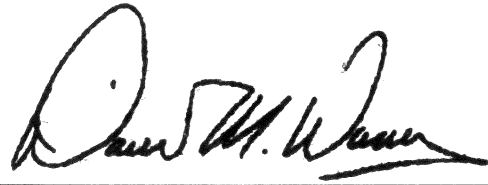
On October 22, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a Bankruptcy Rules emergency under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9038, effective October 9, 2026, through January 7, 2027, unless terminated earlier.

Pursuant to Rule 9038(c)(1), and to ensure that creditors and parties in interest receive the notice and opportunity to act provided by the Bankruptcy Rules, IT IS ORDERED:

1. **Affected Cases.** This Order applies only to cases and proceedings in which the BNC disruption prevented or delayed proper notice required by the Bankruptcy Rules, local rules, or an order of this Court. Only deadlines affected by the failure or delay in notice are extended.
2. **Meetings of Creditors.** In cases where proper notice of the meeting of creditors was not provided, the time for scheduling and convening the meeting under Rule 2003(a) is extended as necessary to permit proper notice. For purposes of calculating rule-based deadlines measured from the first date set for the meeting of creditors, the first properly noticed meeting date shall be treated as the initial setting. The applicable periods under the Bankruptcy Rules shall remain unchanged.
3. **Other Deadlines.** Any deadline established by the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, or an order of this Court that was not contained in the notice for the Meeting of Creditors and was affected by the failure or delay in BNC notice may be extended on request of the parties. Where a deadline is measured from a hearing or other scheduled event, that event shall be rescheduled as necessary to provide the required notice and opportunity to respond.

4. **Notice.** The Clerk shall provide proper notice of affected meetings, hearings, and deadlines and file proof of such notice on the docket. Nothing in this Order affects any deadline or proceeding for which proper notice was previously provided.
5. **Limitations.** All time periods shall be computed in accordance with Rule 9006(a). No existing deadline shall be shortened. Pursuant to Rule 9038(c)(3), any extension shall expire on the earlier of the deadline established by this Order or 30 days after termination of the Bankruptcy Rules emergency, but in no event earlier than the original deadline. The presiding judge may grant further relief in individual cases for good cause under Rule 9038(c)(4). Nothing in this Order extends or alters any statutory deadline.

Entered this 27th day of October, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Warren", written over a horizontal line.

David M. Warren
Chief Bankruptcy Judge