UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
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In re:	
Restoration of Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Services, Termination of Temporary Procedures, and Extension of Certain Deadlines	Administrative Order No. 2026-04

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

On October 21, 2026, the Court entered Administrative Order 2026-03 in response to the nationwide interruption of services provided by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center ("BNC"). Administrative Order 2026-03 established temporary procedures for providing notices and service during the interruption. The Court has since been advised that:

- On October 26, 2026, BNC 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);
- All applicable notices and orders generated by the Court on or after October 26, 2026, will be served by BNC in the normal course; and
- The Court has been notified that BNC has fully addressed the backlog of unserved notices for cases pending in this Court that accumulated between October 8 and October 25, 2026, having now served all previously unserved notices.

Due to the restoration of BNC services, the temporary substitute-noticing procedures of Administrative Order 2026-03 are no longer necessary. The Court nevertheless determines it is appropriate to preserve the effect of service properly accomplished during the interruption and to address issues arising from delayed notice or service.

Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rules") 2002 and 9038, and the Court's authority to administer its docket, and subject in all respects to all applicable statutes, rules, and other applicable law, it is

ORDERED that:

1. **Restoration of BNC Services**. The Clerk is directed to 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.

2. **Termination of Temporary Procedures**. Effective immediately, Administrative Order 2026-03 is terminated prospectively. Debtors, trustees, and other parties are relieved of the additional noticing obligations imposed by Administrative Order 2026-03 for documents that BNC is obligated to serve. Nothing in this paragraph alters any service obligation independently imposed by statute, rule, local rule, or an order entered in an individual case.

3. **Notices Generated During the Interruption**. Notices and orders in the BNC backlog have been (or will be) served through the restored BNC process. A document's prior submission to BNC for processing in and of itself without completed service, however, does not constitute proof of service. The actual service performed and the corresponding certificate of mailing will govern the record of BNC service. The date of service stated in the BNC certificate of mailing—not the date on which the certificate is docketed—is the date of BNC service.

4. **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. Later BNC service of a document already properly served does not start or restart any period.

5. **Bankruptcy Rules Emergency Declaration**. Before BNC services were restored, on October 22, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a "Bankruptcy Rules emergency" under Bankruptcy Rule 9038. While this declaration is in effect, Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c) authorizes the chief bankruptcy judge to extend or toll certain deadlines for all cases in the district, and a presiding judge to do so in a specific case, except for time periods imposed by statute. The declaration remains in effect through January 7, 2027, unless the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts terminates it earlier.

6. **Extension of Certain Deadlines**. Under Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c), in all cases filed between the dates of October 7, 2026 and October 25, 2026:

    a. The following deadlines are extended for twenty-one (21) days from the original deadline:

        i. The deadline under Bankruptcy Rule 4004(a) for the filing of objections to a debtor's discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727.

ii. The deadline under Bankruptcy Rule 4007(c) for the filing of complaints to determine dischargeability of certain debts under 11 U.S.C. § 523(c).

iii. The deadline under Bankruptcy Rule 4008(a) for filing reaffirmation agreements.

iv. The deadlines under Bankruptcy Rule 3002(c) for the filing of proofs of claim; provided, however, that the deadline under Bankruptcy Rule 3002(c)(1) for filing of proofs of claim by governmental units is **not** extended.

b. The deadlines under Bankruptcy Rule 2003(a) for holding § 341(a) meetings of creditors are extended to the extent necessary to accommodate the postponement of such meetings by the Office of the United States Trustee.

7. **Requests for Relief**. Notwithstanding the extension of certain deadlines in Paragraph 6, any party affected during the BNC service interruption by notice that was delayed, insufficient, or never given may seek appropriate relief by filing a motion in the affected case or proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 29th day of October, 2026.

Austin E. Carter
Chief Judge