

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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<i>In re</i>	)	
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BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER	)	Administrative Order
<u>SERVICE OUTAGE</u>	)	FLMB-2026-7

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TERMINATING
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS FLMB-2026-5 AND FLMB-2026-6;
ADDRESSING POST-BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER
SERVICE OUTAGE ISSUES; AND EXTENDING CERTAIN DEADLINES**

The Court previously entered *Administrative Order FLMB 2026-5 Regarding Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Interruption and Extending Deadlines* and *Amended Administrative Order FLMB 2026-6 Regarding Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Outage and Extending Certain Deadlines* (together, the “BNC Outage Administrative Orders”) to address the outage of noticing services provided by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (“BNC” and “BNC Outage”).

Late in the afternoon on Monday, October 26, 2026, the Court was advised that the BNC has fully 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). The Court was 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, and that BNC is processing the backlog of unserved notices and orders entered by the Court on October 7 – 25, 2026 (the “Outage Period”).¹ BNC expects to clear the entire backlog by October 31, 2026.

On October 23, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a “Bankruptcy Rules Emergency” under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9038, applying to all bankruptcy courts for a period of 90 days beginning on October 9, 2026, through January 7, 2027. Therefore, under 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

¹ The outage did not affect the Court’s Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (“CM/ECF”) system or the Notices of Electronic Filing transmitted through the CM/ECF system, which functioned normally during the Outage Period.

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.

With the restoration of BNC services, the Court finds cause under 11 U.S.C. § 105(a), Bankruptcy Rules 9038, 2002, and 9006, and the Court's authority to administer its docket, and subject to applicable statutes and due process, to terminate the BNC Outage Administrative Orders; to terminate the designations of responsibility for serving notices and orders set forth in Administrative Order FLMB-2026-6; to address the effect of duplications of service of notices and orders; and to extend deadlines that were impacted by the Outage Period.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

A. *The BNC Outage Administrative Orders are Terminated.* The BNC Outage Administrative Orders are hereby terminated and superseded by the provisions of this Order.

B. *Extension of Certain Deadlines.* In all bankruptcy cases filed from October 7, 2026 through October 25, 2026, the Court extends the following deadlines for 60 days after the original deadline:

1. The deadline under Rule 1017(e) for the United States Trustee to file a motion to dismiss for abuse.
2. The deadline under Rule 4004(a) for the filing of objections to the debtor's discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727.
3. The deadline under Rule 4007(c) for filing complaints to determine the dischargeability of certain debts under 11 U.S.C. § 523(c).
4. The deadline under Rule 4008(a) for filing a reaffirmation agreement.
5. The deadlines under Rule 2003(a) for holding § 341 meetings were extended to the extent necessary to accommodate the postponement of § 341 meetings by the Office of the United States Trustee.

C. *Hearings Will Proceed as Scheduled.* Unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Court, all existing or scheduled hearings shall proceed as scheduled.

D. *Effective Date of Service of Notices and Orders Entered During the BNC Outage.* Except with respect to service to CM/ECF Users via CM/ECF as provided for in Local Rule 1001-2(d), the entry of a notice or order on the Court's docket during the BNC Outage does not constitute proof of service until such time as BNC files a certificate of

service. In the event of a conflict between the date of BNC service and the date of service properly effected by a debtor or other designated party during the BNC Outage, the date of service by the debtor or other designated party during the BNC Outage shall be the operative date of service.

E. *Parties May Seek Relief if Affected by Insufficient Notice.* A party adversely affected by a lack of notice or a delay in receiving notice during the Outage Period may seek a continuance, additional notice, an extension where legally permitted, or other relief by filing an appropriate motion in the applicable bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. The motion must identify the notice at issue, explain how the failure to receive notice affected the party, confirm all prior notice received and the date thereof, if any, and specify the relief requested. The Court will consider such motions on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable law.

F. *Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred During the BNC Outage.* Requests by counsel for represented parties for the reimbursement of reasonable, actual, and necessary extraordinary service expenses incurred in compliance with Administrative Order FLMB-2026-6 are subject to applicable law, disclosure requirements, and any separately entered order establishing reimbursement procedures. This provision does not create an independent right to reimbursement or authorize collection of an otherwise unenforceable obligation.

G. *Implementation of this Administrative Order.* The Clerk may publish ministerial instructions consistent with this Order. This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until further order of the Court.

DATED: October 27, 2026.



JACOB A. BROWN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge