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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

In Re:

BANKRUPTCY NOTICING
CENTER SERVICE DISRUPTION
AND BANKRUPTCY RULES
EMERGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.
2026-05

On October 22, 2026, the Judicial Conference of the United States declared a “Bankruptcy Rules emergency” under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (Bankruptcy Rules) 9038 based on a finding that extraordinary circumstances affecting electronic access to the bankruptcy courts substantially impair the courts’ ability to perform their functions in compliance with the Bankruptcy Rules due to a nationwide disruption of services provided by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC).

The declared Bankruptcy Rules emergency extends to all bankruptcy courts and district courts that process bankruptcy cases and grants authority for a period of 90 days beginning on October 9, 2026, through January 7, 2027.

Pursuant to 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

1 tolling of a Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order that requires or allows the Court,
2 the Clerk, a party in interest, or the United States trustee, by a specified deadline, to
3 commence a proceeding, file or send a document, hold or conclude a hearing, or
4 take any other action, despite any other Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order.

5 Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c)(1)(B), the chief bankruptcy judge may,
6 for all cases and proceedings in the district or in a division, order that, when a
7 Bankruptcy Rule, local rule, or order requires that an action be taken “promptly,”
8 “forthwith,” “immediately,” or “without delay,” it be taken as soon as is practicable
9 or by a date set by the court in a specific case or proceeding.

10 Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c)(2), a presiding judge may take the
11 action described above in a specific case or proceeding.

12 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

13 1. This Order applies to all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings
14 pending in or commenced in the Eastern District of Washington while this
15 Order remains effective.

16 2. To the maximum extent practicable, no debtor, creditor, trustee, or other
17 party in interest will be prejudiced by a failure to act within a specified
18 deadline or period due to lack of notice resulting from the BNC service
19 disruption or respond to a notice or order that was not served as a result
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1 of the BNC service disruption, subject to applicable law and further order
2 of the court.

3 3. Each presiding bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of Washington is
4 authorized to grant appropriate relief in a specific case or proceeding
5 under Bankruptcy Rule 9038(c)(2) upon a determination by such
6 presiding judge that relief is warranted to address a lack of notice resulting
7 from the BNC service disruption or any party's failure to respond to a
8 notice or order that was not served as a result of the BNC service
9 disruption.

10 4. This Order does not extend, shorten, or alter any statutory deadline.

11 5. This Order will remain in effect until further order of the court.

12 6. The Clerk of Court is directed to transmit copies of this Order to the
13 United States Trustee and to post this Order to the court's public website.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED**, on behalf of the Bankruptcy Court.

15 **DATED** this 26th day of October, 2026.

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18 WHITMAN L. HOLT
19 Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge
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