United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District Of Illinois

General Order Regarding Bankruptcy Noticing Center Service Disruption and Bankruptcy Rules Emergency	)))	General Order No. 26-05

ORDER REGARDING BANKRUPTCY NOTICING CENTER SERVICE DISRUPTION AND BANKRUPTCY RULES EMERGENCY

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), Chief Bankruptcy Judge Jacqueline P. Cox, for all cases and proceedings in the Northern District in both the Eastern Division and Western Division, orders 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.

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

Upon request of a party in interest, or on its own initiative where permitted by law, the judge to whom a case is assigned may extend or reset deadlines or continue hearings as necessary to address the interruption. Parties may request relief by written motion or orally at a previously scheduled hearing. Parties shall confer when practicable and advise the Court whether the requested relief is agreed upon or opposed. All scheduled hearings shall proceed unless the Court orders otherwise. *See* General Order 26-04.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

This Order applies to bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings pending in or commenced in this district while this Order remains effective.

No debtor, creditor, trustee, or other party in interest shall be prejudiced by a failure to take action within a specified deadline or period due to lack of notice resulting from the BNC service disruption or respond to a notice or order that was not served as a result of the BNC service disruption, subject to applicable law and further order of the Court.

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

This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Jacqueline P. Cox

Jacqueline P. Cox, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

Dated: October 28, 2026