Docket #0003 Date Filed: 4/9/2026

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC., *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (ARP)
Debtors.	)	(Joint Administration Requested)

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION AS COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE

On April 9, 2026 (the "Petition Date"), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court"). The undersigned proposed counsel believes that these chapter 11 cases qualify as complex chapter 11 cases because:

__X__ the Debtors have total debt of more than $10 million;

__X__ there are more than 50 parties in interest in these cases;

_____ claims against the Debtors are publicly traded; and/or

_____ other (Substantial explanation required. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

WHEREFORE, the Debtors request that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto (the "Order"), granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

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Dated: April 9, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on April 9, 2026, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. Additionally, the foregoing document will be served as set forth in a forthcoming affidavit filed by the Debtors' proposed claims agent.

/s/ Ryan Manns
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ORDER GRANTING COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE TREATMENT

These jointly administered cases were filed on April 9, 2026. A *Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case* was filed on April 9, 2026. Based on its review of the initial pleadings, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") concludes that the complex case designation is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court orders (this "Order"):

1. The Procedures for Complex Cases in the Southern District of Texas apply to these cases. The procedures are posted on the Court's website. Compliance with the procedures is required.

2. The Debtors must give notice of this Order to all parties in interest within seven (7) days. If a party-in-interest objects to the provisions of this Order, that party may file an appropriate motion within fourteen (14) days after service of this Order.

3. The Bankruptcy Local Rules of the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules") apply to these cases, subject to the following modifications:

a. Bankruptcy Local Rule 1001-1(b) does not apply.

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b. Rule 83.1 of the Local Rules of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules of the District Court") applies.

c. Appendix A to the Local Rules of the District Court applies.

d. If a conflict exists between the Bankruptcy Local Rules and the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas, the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas govern.