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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 VIRTUAL HEARING ON FIRST DAY MOTIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, 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") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with sections A and I of the *Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas*, a virtual hearing (the "First Day Hearing") is set for **April 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, before the Honorable U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Perez to consider the following:

First Day Motions

1. ***Joint Administration Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of the Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 2].

2. ***Complex Case Designation.*** Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case [Dkt. No. 3].

3. ***Vertia Global Retention Application***. Debtors' Emergency *Ex Parte* Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Verita Global as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent [Dkt. No. 4].

4. ***Creditor Matrix Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to File a Consolidated Creditor Matrix and List of the 30 Largest Unsecured Creditors; (II) Authorizing the Debtors to Redact Certain

[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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Personally Identifiable Information; (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice of Commencement; and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 5].

5. ***Schedules Extension Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Extending the Time to File Schedules and Statements and 2015.3 Reports and (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 6].

6. ***Cash Management Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue to Operate their Existing Cash Management System; (B) Maintain their Existing Bank Accounts; (C) Pay Related Prepetition Obligations; and (D) Continue to Perform Intercompany Transactions; and (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. **7**].

7. ***NOL Motion.*** Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Establishing Notification Procedures and Approving Restrictions of Certain Transfers of Interests in the Debtor' Estates [Dkt. No. 9].

8. ***Insurance Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue Their Prepetition Insurance Coverage and Satisfy Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto, (B) Renew, Supplement, and Enter Into New Insurance Policies, (C) Honor the Terms of the Premium Financing Agreements and Pay Premiums Thereunder, and (D) Enter Into New Premium Financing Agreements in the Ordinary Course of Business, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 10]

9. ***Wages Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Wages, Salaries, and Employee Benefits and (B) Continue the Postpetition Maintenance of Employee Benefit Programs, Policies, and Procedures in the Ordinary Course of Business, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 14].

10. ***Utilities Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Debtors' Proposed Adequate Assurance of Payment for Future Utility Services, (II) Approving Adequate Assurance Procedures, (III) Prohibiting Utility Providers from Altering, Refusing, or Discontinuing Service, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 15].

11. ***Critical Vendors Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Certain Prepetition Claims (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 16].

12. ***Taxes Motion***. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 17].

13. ***Cash Collateral Motion.*** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral, (II) Granting Adequate Protection for the Use of Cash Collateral, (III) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 18].

Related Documents

1. Declaration of Linh Austin in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions [Dkt. No. 11].

2. Declaration of Adam Titus in Support of Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral, (II) Granting Adequate Protection for the Use of Cash Collateral, (III) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. No. 19].

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the First Day Hearing will be conducted virtually only. No in-person attendance will be permitted. Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. You may access the facility at 832-917-1510. Once connected, you will be asked to enter the conference room number. Judge Pérez's conference room number is 282694. Video communication will be by use of the GoToMeeting platform. Connect via the free GoToMeeting application or click the link on Judge Pérez's homepage. The meeting code is "JudgePerez". Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE hearing appearances must be made electronically in advance of both electronic and in-person hearings. To make your appearance, click the "Electronic Appearance" link on Judge Pérez's homepage. Select the case name, complete the required fields and click "Submit" to complete your appearance.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all documents filed in these chapter 11 cases are available free of charge by visiting https://www.veritaglobal.net/ascend. Copies of any pleadings or papers filed with the Court may also be obtained by visiting the Court's website at https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

Dated: April 10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on April 10, 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.

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