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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 098, D 2020 132, and D 2020 157 Providing Relief to Public Utility Customers affected by COVID-19

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Order D 2020 098, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 132 and D 2020 157, for an additional thirty (30) days, providing relief to public utility customers to mitigate, respond to, and recover from the current economic disruption due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, D 2020 152, and D 2020 176. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and threaten to undermine the economic stability of many Coloradans and local businesses. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 necessitated closure of multiple businesses. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy have been hard hit. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 098, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 132 and D 2020 157, which temporarily provides relief and State support to public utility customers to mitigate, respond to, and recover from the current economic disruption due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 098, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 132, D 2020 157, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from September 7, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects Executive Order D 2020 098, as extended by Executive Order D 2020 132 and D 2020 157, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventh day of September, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor