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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
TO ADMINISTER ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has signed Public Law #96-30 which provides for a program of lump sum benefits to low-income families to ameliorate the high cost of energy; and
- WHEREAS, the provision of such assistance, known as the Energy Assistance Program, is designed to aid those who receive payments under State Public Assistance programs such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Assistance, and other programs; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Social Services is authorized under C.R.S. 1973, 26-1-109 and 111, to supervise such public assistance programs and is experienced in the necessary administrative practices; and
- WHEREAS, it is the objective of this administration to provide public assistance benefits equitably to the various groups of recipients, utilizing all available resources and avoiding duplication of benefits thereto; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the low-income segment of the Colorado population to distribute the benefits which are available under the Energy Assistance Program as expeditiously and efficiently as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby ORDER THAT:

1. The Colorado Department of Social Services is designated as the responsible agency to administer the Energy Assistance Program in accordance with applicable provisions of State and Federal laws and regulations.
2. Federal funds available to Colorado for this program shall be distributed among the various assistance groups in such a way as to assure that all public assistance recipients are equitably treated, taking into account those benefits provided under the Federal Supplemental Assistance Program for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and the "winter utilities" benefits to Old Age Pension recipients under C.R.S. 1973, 26-2-113 (2) (a.5), as amended.
3. Benefits prescribed under paragraph 2 (above) shall be distributed as quickly and efficiently as possible.
4. The Department of Social Services, the Department of Local Affairs and the Office of Energy Conservation shall coordinate the energy benefit programs under their control in order to avoid duplication thereof.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this seventh
day of December, A.D., 1979.

Richard D. Lamm
Governor