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RICHARD D. LAMM Governor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE OFFICE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the demand for and the availability of energy is an issue of vital concern to the state and nation; and

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- WHEREAS, energy prices are of great concern to all sectors of the state economy; and
- WHEREAS, increasing the energy efficiency in residential, commercial, industrial and governmental buildings is a cost-effective method to assure an adequate energy supply in the state; and
- WHEREAS, there is needed a central agency in the state government charged with the responsibility for coordinating policy and planning aspects of energy supply in the state; and
- WHEREAS, such agency is needed to coordinate energy programs and information for state government; and
- WHEREAS, a focus is needed for the implementation of state energy policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the power vested in me by Article IV of the Colorado Constitution, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

- 1. The Colorado Office of Energy Conservation is continued within the Office of the Governor.
- The Colorado Office of Energy Conservation shall be located for administrative purposes within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.
- 3. The functions of the office include the following:
  - a. Administer and implement the Colorado Energy Conservation Plan, which was prepared in response to and is funded by PL 94-163 and PL 94-385 of the 94th Congress, as well as the state's energy contingency plan.
  - b. Serve as a clearinghouse and referral center for energy information, state energy data and information concerning renewable energy technologies.
  - c. Coordinate with designated departments of state government energy conservation activities internal to state government, including state buildings and purchasing.

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- d. Work with the Department of Social Services, Department of Local Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, the Public Utilities Commission and other state agencies to develop a plan to coordinate the delivery of energy conservation programs, energy assistance programs, weatherization programs and utility conservation programs, and to develop strategies to assist homeowners, renters and landlords, as well as Coloradans on low and fixed incomes, with increasing energy costs.
- e. Provide information, training and technical assistance to Coloradans through the Energy Extension Centers located throughout the state.
- f. Assist small and medium-sized businesses in their efforts to cut energy consumption.
- g. Maintain the Institutional Conservation Program in an effort to provide financial assistance to schools, hospitals, local governments and health care institutions for energy conservation projects.
- h. Provide advice and counsel to the Governor and the Colorado General Assembly regarding appropriate state policy to encourage energy conservation and alternative energy technologies.
- 4. There shall be a Director of the office, to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies. The Office of Energy Conservation Director is authorized to hire such staff and make other expenditures as may be allowed by funds available to the office, including federal grants and private donations that may be received.
- 5. The office shall terminate on December 31, 1983, unless extended by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of January, A.D., 1983, nunc pro tunc to January 1, 1983.

Richard D. Lamm Governor

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