U.S. DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN RE; RENEWAL OF FINDINGS AND EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE CARES ACT

GENERAL ORDER

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On March 31, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-011, authorizing and implementing for up to 90 days certain emergency provisions under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), H.R. 748.

The Court entered General Order 20-020 on June 26, 2020, extending for an additional 90 days the emergency provisions of the CARES Act.

General Order 20-28 was entered on September 28, 2020, again extending for 90 days the emergency provisions of the CARES Act.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present an unprecedented public health emergency in the District of Utah. The daily and weekly average numbers of new infections, hospitalizations, and deaths have increased substantially since the Court entered General Order 20-028. Though the Court moved on September 1, 2020, to Phase I of its plan for resuming operations, conditions in the District of Utah continue to pose significant health risks to parties, counsel, witnesses, and court staff. This remains true notwithstanding that the Court has undertaken sweeping measures to attempt to mitigate those risks to the greatest extent possible.

For the reasons articulated in General Order 20-028, and further supported by the COVID-19 related findings made by the Court in General Order 20-030 (entered October 29, 2020), exercising my authority as Chief Judge, I find that the emergency provisions under Section 15002(b) of the CARES Act remain necessary and appropriate in the District of Utah. I renew the findings made in General Orders 20-011, 20-020,

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and 20-028, and extend the authorizations made therein for 90 days unless earlier terminated or modified by further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of December, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

ROBERT SHELBY

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE