The World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic. Governor Herbert has declared a state of emergency. To protect the public and all hearing participants it has become necessary for the Department of Commerce to issue this Administrative Order.

Until further notice, all hearings before the Department of Commerce and its various Divisions shall be conducted electronically as provided in Utah Admin. Code R151-4-707 (by telephone, or by other audio or video conferencing technology). If the presiding officer determines that a live hearing is necessary because of the nature of the evidence or inquiry, the hearing shall be continued to a future date.

Any party who wishes to proceed solely by a live hearing may file a request for a continuance of the hearing.

This Administrative Order shall not alter or otherwise affect any deadlines established in other agency proceedings, including agency review.

This Administrative Order may be amended at any time to respond to changed conditions.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020.

Chris Parker, Interim Executive Director
Utah Department of Commerce