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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709**

WHEREAS, §24-33.5-709 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) provides that the principal executive officer of a political subdivision, in this case, the County Manager for Archuleta County, Colorado, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, is authorized to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §24-33.5-709, C.R.S. the local disaster declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County ("Board") as the governing board of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, southwest Colorado has recently been experiencing substantial snowfall and freezing temperatures, with temperatures expected to remain low in the upcoming weeks; and

WHEREAS, these freezing temperatures present substantial risk of injury or death to those who are unable to adequately heat their houses, especially at night; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and families in Archuleta County have contracted with Bob's LP Gas, Inc. to provide propane services to their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bob's LP Gas, Inc. has failed and continues to fail to provide propane to Archuleta County businesses and residences with whom it has contracted to do so. Bob's LP Gas, Inc. is leaving many vulnerable Archuleta County residents without access to any heat as the winter weather continues to affect the area.

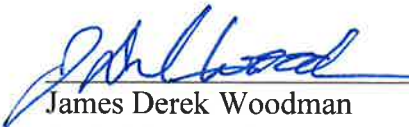
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED THAT:

1. As the principal executive officer of Archuleta County, I, James Derek Woodman, County Manager, hereby declare that there is a local disaster in Archuleta County, that this disaster requires immediate action to protect public peace, health and safety and this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of Colorado to protect the health, safety and welfare of Archuleta County residents and businesses.
2. The effect of this declaration of local disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

3. The principal purpose of declaring a local disaster is to be proactive so that Archuleta County is prepared to respond to the propane shortage when it appears within our community, to position Archuleta County to receive state and federal emergency funding and to activate the Archuleta County Disaster & Emergency Declaration Policies adopted by Resolution 2017-42.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven days thereafter except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board. Two copies will be filed promptly with the State of Colorado, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder.

Date: 12/31/2021

By: 
James Derek Woodman
Archuleta County Manager