



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

On September 29, 2024, The Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, issued an order pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) that “catastrophic conditions resulting from severe weather and flooding exist or have existed in certain western North Carolina counties [listed below]” The Chief Justice’s Order of September 29, 2024 is set to expire on October 14, 2024.

N.C.G.S. § 150B-23(f) provides that “When the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court determines and declares that catastrophic conditions exist or have existed in one or more counties of the State and issues an order pursuant to G.S. 7A-39(b), the chief administrative law judge may by order entered pursuant to this subsection extend, to a date certain no fewer than 10 days after the effective date of the order, the time or period of limitation, whether established by another statute or this section, for the filing of a petition for a contested case. The order shall be in writing and becomes effective for each affected county upon the date set forth in the order, and if no date is set forth in the order, then upon the date the order is signed by the chief administrative law judge. The order shall provide that it expires upon the expiration of the Chief Justice's order.”

By the authority granted to the Chief Administrative Law Judge under North Carolina General Statute § 150b-23(f), I hereby order that the filing of a petition for a contested case, originating in any of North Carolina’s counties listed in the Chief Justice’s September 29, 2024 Order, and September 30, 2024 Amended Order, shall be deemed timely filed if the petition is filed in the Office of Administrative Hearings between the effective date of my order as Chief Administrative Law Judge and the close of business on October 14, 2024, notwithstanding the expiration of the time limit for filing of a petition in a contested case as established in N.C.G.S. 150B-23(f).

This Order is effective from September 26, 2024, and shall expire on October 14, 2024, upon the same terms and conditions as the expiration of the Chief Justice’s September 29, 2024 Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED

This the first day of October 2024.

Donald R. van der Vaart
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Counties Affected by this Order

Alexander	Cleveland	Mitchell
Alleghany	Gaston	Polk
Ashe	Graham	Rutherford
Avery	Haywood	Swain
Buncombe	Henderson	Transylvania
Burke	Jackson	Watauga
Caldwell	Lincoln	Wilkes
Catawba	Macon	Yancey
Cherokee	Madison	
Clay	McDowell	