

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

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In the Matter of)
Access to Justice)
in Counties Impacted by)
Natural Disaster)

Order

CLERK SUPREME COURT

Since August 13, 2020, three orders have been entered to temporarily amend Iowa Court Rule 16.306(2) due to a catastrophic "derecho" windstorm that caused significant damage to twenty-seven Iowa counties on August 10, 2020. Access to electrical power or internet remains an issue in four of those counties: Clinton, Linn, Marshall, and Poweshiek. In those four counties, the court extends its temporary amendment to Iowa Court Rule 16.306(2) until Tuesday, August 25, 2020. In other words, this order effectively extends the filing deadlines for Clinton, Linn, Marshall, and Poweshiek Counties to Tuesday, August 25, 2020 for filings otherwise due during the date range from August 10, 2020 to August 25, 2020, inclusive. In all other respects, the provisions of chapter 16 and other applicable Iowa law and rules shall continue to apply. Other deadlines triggered by such filings shall be calculated from August 25, 2020.

This order applies to any filing due from August 10, 2020 to August 25, 2020 by an attorney or party who has an address for filing purposes in Clinton, Linn, Marshall, and Poweshiek Counties, regardless of the location of the court, and covers appellate filings with the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Attorneys and parties outside the four affected counties who have been unable to meet filing deadlines because of outages related to the derecho are encouraged to seek relief on a case-by-case basis under the Iowa Code and rules.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2020.

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