



STATE *of* NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-01**

**Meeting Power Demands Due to the State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, commencing on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026, and continuing, sub-zero temperatures have moved across the state causing widespread risk to human health and safety due to exposure.

**WHEREAS**, the actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and damages present a burden on counties and citizens of Nebraska.

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Jim Pillen, as Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the State of Nebraska.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, do hereby order and direct the following:

I hereby authorize the State of Nebraska power providers to take steps as deemed necessary to meet power demands to meet this emergency and to continue these actions until such time as the threat to human health and safety created by this situation has been alleviated. I hereby temporarily suspend any permit, regulation, or law restricting the State of Nebraska power providers' ability to produce electricity.

I further request that any other entities with capacity to generate electricity, that can be added back to the grid or reduce the use of power from the grid, operate their electrical generation equipment immediately. I hereby temporarily suspend any permit, regulation, or law restricting such entities' ability to produce electricity.

I further direct or request State and appropriate Federal agencies to cooperate with and support the State of Nebraska power providers as appropriate and lawful.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until February 27, 2026.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this day of January 23, 2026.



Attest:

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Governor Jim Pillen  
State of Nebraska

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Robert Evnen, Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska