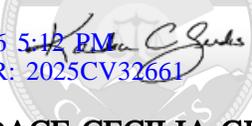


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<p>DISTRICT COURT, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202</p>	<p>DATE FILED January 21, 2026 5:12 PM CASE NUMBER: 2025CV32661</p> 
<p>PIKES PEAK WORKFORCE CENTER, Plaintiff, v. COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, and COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION, Defendants.</p>	<p>KANDACE CECILIA GERDES District Court Judge</p> <p>▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p>
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<p>JOINT CASE STATUS REPORT</p>	

Plaintiff/Appellant, Pikes Peak Workforce Center (“PPWC”), and Defendants/ Appellees, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (“CDLE”) and the Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration (“DPA”), by and through their undersigned counsel of record, respectfully submit this joint case status report and state as follows:

1. On October 28, 2025, the Court granted the parties’ Joint Motion to Stay Appeal and ordered a joint case status update every five weeks from the date of that order.

2. On December 2, 2025, the parties filed a Joint Case Status Report advising the Court that they had conferred multiple times regarding potential settlement, exchanged documentation and related information, and agreed to continue exploring resolution. The report requested that the stay remain in place to allow further settlement discussions and noted that a second status update would be filed if no agreement was reached by January 6, 2026.

3. As detailed in the parties’ previous status report, counsel for PPWC provided counsel for CDLE and DPA certain documentation referenced in the parties’ previous status report. CDLE and DPA have continued reviewing the documentation. The parties are confident that this review will help steer conversations toward alternative dispute resolution.

4. Since filing the January 6, 2026 Joint Status Report, the parties have continued to confer via email and video conference to discuss details on prospective repayment options as well as flexibility of repayment timing. Similar to the subject of documentation outlined in Paragraph 3, these conversations have been fruitful, and they are allowing the parties to continue exploring potential resolution. The parties have made progress toward resolution since the previous status report, and, given their prior discussions, the parties have agreed to continue the stay up to and including February 10, 2026.

5. The agreed-upon, additional stay will allow the parties to continue exploring the above topics toward a potential resolution. Accordingly, the stay will continue to preserve judicial resources, and it will not result in any undue delay, hardship, or prejudice to any party.

6. If the parties have not reached a resolution, they will submit an additional filing apprising the Court of their progress by February 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of January, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have duly served the enclosed **JOINT CASE STATUS UPDATE** upon all parties herein electronically via Colorado Courts E-Filing or by electronic mail or by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, at Denver, Colorado, this 20th day of January 2026, addressed as follows:

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