



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

IN RE:

CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY
AUTHORIZING VIDEO-
TELECONFERENCING AND TELEPHONE
CONFERENCING FOR CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 15002
OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF,
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES)
ACT

GENERAL ORDER NO. 640

WHEREAS on March 30, 2020, General Order No. 614 authorized the use of videoconference and teleconference technology in certain criminal proceedings under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (the “Act”);

WHEREAS all findings in General Order No. 614 have been previously extended for additional 90-day periods through General Order Nos. 620, 624, 628, 630, 632 and 635;

WHEREAS the emergency authority granted under the CARES Act has not been terminated; and

WHEREAS the authorizations granted initially in General Order No. 614 continue to be warranted in portions of the Eastern District of California, while at the same time individual judges have full authority to preside over in person proceedings in their assigned courtrooms as they deem appropriate in their sole discretion;

NOW THEREFORE as Chief Judge, under the authority granted by Section 15002(b) of the CARES Act and having conducted the necessary review, I hereby extend all findings and authorizations in General Order No. 614 for another 90 days after December 27, 2021, unless terminated earlier. If emergency conditions continue to exist when this 90 day extension is due to expire, I will again review this authorization and determine whether to extend it. If the national emergency is terminated under Section 15002(b)(5) of the CARES Act, the authorization for expanded use of video and audio conferencing in criminal matters will terminate 30 days after the national emergency ends or when the Judicial Conference determines that the emergency no longer materially affects the federal courts.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 21, 2021.

FOR THE COURT:



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE