

# THE GOVERNOR

## Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

February 2, 2009

*Whereas*, A prolonged period of severe winter weather across the northeastern United States, including Pennsylvania, has caused logistical problems associated with the distribution and delivery of propane gas and heating fuels in the Commonwealth; and

*Whereas*, representatives from the propane and heating fuels industry indicate that relief from Federal hour of service limitations for drivers of commercial motor vehicles is necessary to overcome these logistical problems; and

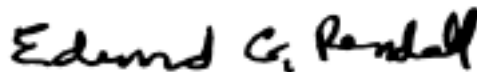
*Whereas*, investigations made on my behalf by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency have determined that the Commonwealth is in need of greater flexibility in the application of Federal motor carrier regulations to drivers of commercial vehicles transporting propane gas and heating fuel within the state; and

*Whereas*, a duly declared emergency is necessary in order for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to waive Federal motor carrier regulations related to hours of service for drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting propane gas and heating fuels to avoid potential disruption of supplies within the Commonwealth; and

*Whereas*, the serious impact of this continuing weather event on both the immediate and long-term economy of the Commonwealth represents a major hardship requiring a comprehensive Federal, State, and local partnership for effective recovery.

*Now Therefore*, Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. § 7101, et seq.), I do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth. In accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plans, I hereby direct the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to waive any laws or regulations in the manner and to the extent necessary to permit the motor carrier operations necessary to prevent propane gas and heating fuel supply and distribution problems in the Commonwealth. This proclamation shall terminate on February 17, 2009, unless extended by an amendment.

*Given* under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-third.



Governor

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