

THE GOVERNOR

Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

January 7, 2010

Whereas, a prolonged period of severe winter weather across the northeastern United States including Pennsylvania has resulted in serious 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 at this time 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 interruption of the delivery of supplies of propane gas and heating fuels in quantities essential to public welfare 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 provide supplies of propane gas and heating fuel adequate to preserve the public welfare in the Commonwealth. This proclamation shall terminate on January 21, 2010, unless extended by an amendment.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



Governor

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