STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Transportation

Extension of Emergency Executive Order 13-14

Extending the Period Provided for Relief from Regulations to Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating in Minnesota

I, Charles A. Zelle, Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority granted to me by Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 221.0269, subdivision 2, do hereby extend the thirty-day relief period provided in Emergency Executive Order 13-14.

Whereas, Governor Mark Dayton issued Emergency Executive Order 13-14 declaring an emergency and providing relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers operating in Minnesota for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of the initial declaration of the emergency; and

Whereas, the emergency requires relief from regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles while in the process of obtaining and transporting propane; and

Whereas, the emergency described in Emergency Executive Order 13-14 is continuing and severe, with continuing disruption in the supply of propane, low supplies of propane, and shortages at propane terminals; and

Whereas, the shortages continue to cause motor carrier drivers to travel longer distances and wait many hours in line to obtain propane; and

Whereas, propane is needed for homes, rural businesses, and agricultural livestock buildings in Minnesota.

Now, Therefore, I extend the relief granted in Emergency Executive Order 13-14 subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

1. Nothing in the extension of Emergency Executive Order 13-14 relieves carriers and drivers from regulations pertaining to driver qualifications; driving of commercial motor vehicle; commercial drivers' licenses; drug and alcohol testing for drivers; or equipment, parts, and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.

2. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this extension of Emergency Executive Order 13-14 shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Any
driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive off-duty hours before the driver is required to return to service.

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This extension of Emergency Executive Order 13-14 is effective at 12:01 a.m. Central Standard Time, on January 8, 2014. This order for relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers remains in effect for 30 days, or until the commercial motor carrier or driver ceases direct assistance in providing emergency relief, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this order, direct assistance is defined in Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 221.0269, subdivision 3(c).

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on January 7, 2014.

Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner

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Mark Ritchie
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