DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY NOTICE
(Title 49 CFR Part 390.23)

Pursuant to 49 CFR Section 390.23, and by the authority of Chapter 639 Acts of 1950, I, Governor Deval L. Patrick, declare that an emergency exists pertaining to the intrastate transportation of propane gas, heating oil and diesel fuel to customers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This emergency exemption is issued as a result of a winter storm with substantial snowfall and prolonged cold temperatures that have caused an increased customer demand for heating fuel and fuel delivery delays throughout the Commonwealth. This emergency exemption is effective beginning January 8, 2014, and will remain in effect for 5 days.

The following is ordered:
1. An emergency exists that requires relief from regulations adopted in Massachusetts and Federal Statutes and Regulations pertaining to hours of service of motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles, while transporting and delivering fuels necessary for the continued heating of homes and businesses. (49 CFR Part 395).

2. Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing requirements (49 CFR 382), the Commercial Drivers License requirements (49 CFR 383), the Financial Responsibility requirements (49 CFR 387), applicable Size and Weight requirements, or any other portion of the regulation not specifically identified.

3. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this agreement shall require or allow a fatigued or ill driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is required to return to service.

4. Motor carriers that have an Out of Service Order in effect cannot take advantage of the relief from regulations that this declaration provides under Title 49 CFR 390.23.

5. Consistent with Title 49 CFR Part 390.23, the emergency notice will remain in effect through January 12, 2014, 11:59 p.m. EST or sooner if terminated by the Governor.

6. Drivers for motor carriers that operate under this Declaration of Emergency Notice must have a copy of it in their possession.

DATE: January 8, 2014

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