STATE OF INDIANA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

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- WHEREAS, the lack of available propane has forced drivers transporting propane to drive longer distances in search of propane; and
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS Governor of the State of Indiana, pursuant to IC 10-14-3-12, do hereby declare that an emergency exists and order that:

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- 2. Nothing contained in this declaration shall be considered as an exemption from any portion of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations other than those regulating hours of service.

In Testimony Mhereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this ⁴ day of November in the year of our Lord 2013 and of the Independence of the United States 237. BY THE GOVERNOR: Shithel P.

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By the Governor: /signature/