



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

State House, Room 224
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

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GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has experienced extreme winter weather conditions, including unusually cold temperatures and significant snow accumulations, making travel difficult (especially on side streets), increasing the demand for heating oil and propane gas, and potentially causing deliveries of heating oil and propane gas to fall behind; and

WHEREAS, the decline in terminal storage capacity for heating oil over the past few years has materially increased terminal waiting times; and

WHEREAS, the economic downturn has increased the number of small heating oil and propane gas purchases, thereby requiring more frequent deliveries by drivers; and

WHEREAS, federal law ordinarily imposes certain limitations on the number of consecutive hours that commercial truck drivers can operate and also permits exemptions from these limitations in the event of an emergency proclamation by a governor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 43-3-28 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the governor is authorized to determine the existence of an emergency brought about by the disruption and/or interruption of transportation services and to issue a proclamation with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. As a result of this Proclamation, commercial carriers of heating oil and propane gas are afforded relief from the provisions of 49 CFR 395.3(b) of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for interstate motor carriers while providing heating oil and propane gas to customers in Rhode Island during the pendency of this Proclamation.

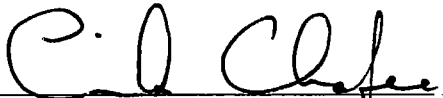
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2. Nothing contained in this Proclamation shall be construed as seeking an exemption from the Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing requirements (49 CFR 382), the Commercial Driver's License requirements (49 CFR 383), or any other portion of federal regulations not specifically identified.
3. This Proclamation shall not apply to motor carriers that have an Out of Service Order in effect.
4. Upon termination of this Proclamation, federal regulations shall again become effective.
5. All persons operating under this Proclamation should maintain a copy of it in their possession.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until it is terminated, but in no event later than midnight, Sunday, January 5, 2014.

So Ordered:


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