TO: Interested Carriers
FROM: Milan Orbovich, Director
Transportation Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
DATE: January 17, 2014
RE: Regulatory Relief from Hours-of-Service Requirements for Intrastate Operation of Commercial Motor Vehicles Transporting Motor Fuels, Heating Oil and Propane

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio hereby grants regulatory relief from the hours-of-service requirements pursuant to Rule 4901:2-5-02, O.A.C. for drivers operating commercial motor vehicles in intrastate commerce transporting motor fuels, heating oil and propane in Ohio. The regulatory relief granted in this notice pertains only to the hours of service regulations found in 49 CFR, Section 395.3.

Rule 4901:2-5-02, Ohio Administrative Code, provides for regulatory relief from the hours-of-service regulations for motor carriers operating in intrastate commerce in time of emergency. On November 4, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio adopted and approved a "Policy for Regulatory Relief in Emergency Situations" to implement this rule.

The regulatory relief granted in this notice does not alter a carrier's duty to monitor its drivers, to maintain records of duty status and to ensure that drivers are not ill, fatigued, impaired or otherwise unable to operate a commercial motor vehicle safely. Further, nothing in this regulatory relief provides an exemption from the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR, Part 383), the controlled substance and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR, Part 382) and/or the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements adopted by the Commission.

You must keep a written or electronic copy of this notice in each vehicle affected by this grant of regulatory relief. This regulatory relief will not apply to vehicles that do not have a copy of this notice.

After operating a commercial motor vehicle under this grant of regulatory relief, drivers must comply with the off duty requirements in 49 CFR Section 395.3 as per the "60/70 hour rules" or take a 34 hour restart before returning to duty.

This grant of regulatory relief is effective immediately and expires at 11:59 PM, January 31, 2014

Please contact the PUCO Transportation Department at (614) 466-0369 with questions regarding this matter.

Milan Orbovich, Director
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