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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY NOTICE (Title 49 CFR 390.23)

Pursuant to 49 CFR Section 390.23 and New Hampshire RSA 266:72-a, the New Hampshire Department of Safety declares that an emergency exists pertaining to the delivery of propane, gasoline, diesel, and fuel oil to distributors, residential and business establishments within the State of New Hampshire.

The emergency exemption is issued in connection with anticipated emergency conditions from a shortage of propane at Sea-3 in Portsmouth, two major winter storms in a row, and a period of sub-zero temperatures, all of which have resulted in hazardous driving conditions and extra demands on fuel supplies. It is deemed that a declaration of emergency is required to ensure the continuation of these essential services to both residential and commercial establishments and government buildings within the State.

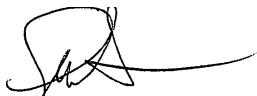
As a result of the emergency conditions, the following Declaration of Emergency is ordered:

1. Relief from the Hours of Service Regulations contained in 49 CFR 395.3 of the Federal Motor Carrier Regulations adopted pursuant to RSA 266:72-a, for motor carriers providing delivery of propane, gasoline, diesel, and fuel oil to distributors, homes, businesses and government buildings within the State of New Hampshire. The relief also applies to motor carriers engaged in the transportation of such products from terminal locations to local delivery companies.
2. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this declaration 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.

3. 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.
4. Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing requirements, Commercial Driver's License requirements, Financial Responsibility requirements, Size and Weight requirements or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified.
5. Drivers for motor carriers that operate under this Declaration of Emergency Notice must have a copy in their possession.
6. Consistent with Title 49 CFR Part 390.23, the Emergency Declaration will remain in effect from December 18, 2013 until midnight on December 31, 2013.
7. Drivers who utilize this exemption may come back into compliance and restart the hours of service clock after taking 24 hours off-duty at the end of their period of extended hours.

Issued at 11:00am on December 19, 2013.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Earl M. Sweeney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Earl M. Sweeney
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