



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07 – 25

**DECLARATION OF ABNORMAL DISRUPTION OF THE MARKET IN
CLATSOP, COLUMBIA AND TILLAMOOK COUNTIES DUE TO
SEVERE WINTER STORM, WINDS AND FLOODING**

On December 3, 2007, I declared a State of Emergency in all areas of the State that were affected by the severe winter storm that struck Northwestern Oregon in the preceding days. The storm caused high winds, flooding and erosion throughout the affected areas and resulted in prolonged power and communications outages and evacuations. The recovery from the damages caused by the storm is in its initial stages. Many people remain displaced and in need of basic services.

Oregon Laws 2007, chapter 223, provides that upon a declaration of an abnormal disruption in the market that threatens to limit the availability of essential consumer goods and services, merchants and wholesalers are prohibited from charging unconscionably excessive prices for essential consumer goods and services. The law gives the Attorney General the responsibility for regulating the prohibited conduct as an unlawful trade practice.

Pursuant to Oregon Laws 2007, chapter 223, section 3, I find that the severe winter storm that struck Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties December 1-3, 2007, resulting in my declaration of a state of emergency at approximately 3:52 p.m. on December 3, caused, and threatens to continue to cause, some essential consumer goods or services to be not readily available in those parts of the state.

NOW THEREFORE I HEREBY DECLARE:

1. An abnormal disruption of the market for essential consumer goods or services in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties is declared for purposes of Oregon Laws 2007, chapter 223.
2. This declaration will terminate 30 days after its execution unless:
 - a. I extend this declaration for one or more additional 30-day periods by subsequent declarations that abnormal disruption of the market continues to exist; or
 - b. The Legislative Assembly or I terminate this declaration of an abnormal disruption of the market before 30 days from the date of execution of this declaration.



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Done at Salem, Oregon this 10th day of December, 2007.




Theodore R. Kulongoski
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Bill Bradbury
SECRETARY OF STATE