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Dear Colorado Law Enforcement Personnel and Commercial Motor Carriers,

The recent extreme weather conditions in the western states has caused an emergency situation by significantly impeding the delivery of necessary propane winter heating fuel to distribution points within Colorado. Additionally, this emergency situation has had an impact on the commercial vehicle industry and their ability to continue statewide propane winter heating fuel delivery operations.

Pursuant to the authority in the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations 8 CCR 1507-1, I am granting an emergency temporary exception of the hours-of-service regulations from 49 CFR Part 395 (Hours of Service) as adopted by the Colorado Department of Public Safety pursuant to C.R.S. 42-4-235, for only intrastate drivers of commercial motor vehicles used primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel and who are working this emergency. This exception is valid from 5:00 p.m. MST, January 17, 2013, until 11:59 p.m. MST, February 28, 2013.

This exception shall not be construed as an exemption from C.R.S. Title 42, Traffic Code, as it relates to general motor vehicle safety, state and federal financial responsibility requirements, commercial driver's license requirements, size and weight regulations, or any federal motor carrier safety regulations not specifically identified including 49 CFR 392.4 which prohibits Ill or Fatigued drivers from operating a commercial motor vehicle. Motor Carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration are not eligible for the exception until the order expires or the conditions have been met.

Drivers for motor carriers that operate under this exception must have a copy of this letter in their possession.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Captain Tim Keeton at 303-273-1875 or on his cell at 720-244-1375.

Sincerely,

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