



STATE *of* NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 13-01

**EASING PROPANE SUPPLY SHORTAGES**

**WHEREAS**, the timing of harvest is creating a high demand for propane supplies throughout the Midwest and that demand is creating temporary shortages or localized outages of propane gas; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate supplies of propane are necessary to continue normal agricultural harvesting and to provide residential heating to our citizens and these shortages appear to be temporary in nature; and

**WHEREAS**, propane haulers are experiencing much longer time waiting in supply lines at all available terminals, and the extra time is creating hardship for propane suppliers and distributors to obtain and deliver fuel supplies to retail outlets;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, in order to minimize the potential for propane supply disruptions caused by these unique circumstances, I hereby declare an emergency and direct and order as follows:

1. Effective immediately, the enforcement of the Nebraska Revised Statute § 75-363 (1)(g), commonly known as the “hours of service” rules (Part 395) shall be waived SOLELY for any drivers of a commercial vehicle transporting propane **WITHIN** the State of Nebraska for a period of 30 days from the effective date of this Executive Order. All remaining state and federal regulations pertaining to motor carrier safety and commercial driver license requirements are not waived by this Executive Order.

2. Nothing in this order shall waive any federal "hours of service" requirements for any drivers outside of the State of Nebraska.

3. This Executive Order shall be effective at 12:01 am on October 26, 2013 and shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on November 24, 2013, unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 25th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.



*Dave Heineman*

Dave Heineman, Governor  
State of Nebraska

Attest:

*John A. Gale*

John A. Gale, Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska