WHEREAS, the uninterrupted supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas as (propane) to residential and commercial establishments is an essential need of the public during the wintertime and any interruption threatens the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the continued period of cold weather has increased the demand for Liquefied Petroleum Gas and threatened the uninterrupted delivery of Liquefied Petroleum Gas to residential and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations, 49 CFR 390, et seq., limit the hours operators of commercial vehicles may drive; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR 390.23 allows the Governor to suspend these rules and regulations for 30 days if the Governor determines that an emergency condition exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina and of the United States of America, I hereby declare a State of Emergency due to the cold weather and the need to continue the uninterrupted supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas. This emergency justifies an exemption from Parts 390 through 399 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This emergency shall remain in effect for thirty days or until the emergency condition ceases to exist, whichever is less.

Nothing herein shall be construed as an exemption from the Commercial Driver's License requirements in 49 CFR 383, the financial requirements in 49 CFR 387, or applicable federal size and weight limitations.


JIM HODGES
GOVERNOR

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