

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

*Proclamation of Propane and Heating Oil Emergency*  
January 9, 2014

*WHEREAS, a prolonged period of severe cold weather across Pennsylvania has resulted in serious logistical problems associated with the distribution and delivery of propane gas and heating oil in the Commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, representatives from the propane gas and heating oil industry indicate that relief from hours of service limitations for drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting propane is necessary to overcome these logistical problems; and*

*WHEREAS, a duly declared emergency is necessary in order for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to waive federal and state motor carrier regulations related to hours of service for drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting propane gas and heating oil to avoid interruption of the delivery of supplies of propane gas and heating oil in quantities essential to public welfare within the Commonwealth.*

*NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. § 7101, et seq.), I do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth to permit the waiver of federal and state motor carrier regulations. In accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plans, I hereby direct the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to waive any laws or regulations in the manner and to the extent necessary to permit the motor carrier operations necessary to provide supplies of propane gas and heating oil adequate to preserve the public welfare in the Commonwealth. This proclamation does not direct or authorize the waiver of any provisions of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (the Crimes Code). This proclamation shall terminate at 12:01 a.m., January 26, 2014, unless extended by an amendment.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this ninth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-eighth.*

*Tom Corbett*  
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Governor