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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-04**

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and many of the surrounding states are experiencing an extended period of extremely cold weather, which has resulted in an increased demand for liquefied petroleum gas, also referred to as "propane;" and

WHEREAS, distributors of liquified petroleum products in the State of Oklahoma are already beginning to experience shortages in supply and transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS, many Oklahoman residents depend on the use of liquefied petroleum products for survival during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, the limited suspension of certain hours of service regulations for drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting liquefied petroleum products in our state will ensure adequate supplies of liquefied petroleum products throughout the state, thereby reducing the damaging effects of a potential shortage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor, pursuant to the power vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and 63 O.S. § 683.1 *et seq.*, and pursuant to Part 390.23 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, hereby declare that because there is a state of emergency existing in the State of Oklahoma due to limited liquefied petroleum products supplies, it is necessary to assist and expedite all efforts of transportation of liquefied petroleum products throughout Oklahoma. In order to accommodate this need and to provide assistance to the citizens of Oklahoma in this extraordinary situation, I hereby order vehicles used in the support efforts to be exempt from Parts 390 through 399 of Title 49 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

Declaration of this emergency provides relief for 30 days from Sections 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations for those interstate and intrastate carriers who are providing direct assistance to this emergency. Direct assistance terminates when a driver or commercial motor vehicle is used in interstate or intrastate commerce to transport cargo not destined for the emergency relief effort, or when a motor carrier dispatches such driver or vehicle to a location outside the relief area.

Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 382), the Commercial Driver License requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 383), the Financial Responsibility requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 387), or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified herein. Motor carriers that have an Out-Of-Service Order in effect cannot take advantage

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of the relief from regulation that this declaration provides.

While operating under this Order, drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall be required to spend a minimum of 8 hours in sleeper berth within any given 24-hour period. The duration of each timeframe spent in sleeper berth within each 24-hour period shall be at the discretion of each driver based in his/her needs, as long as the sum of all said sleeper berth totals a minimum of the required 8 hours.

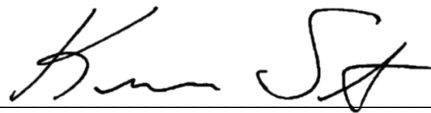
This Order applies only to the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas to provide direct assistance to this emergency. No other products, including other petroleum products, are covered by the exemption and suspension under this Order.

This emergency notice will remain in effect for 30 days.

Copies of this Executive Order shall be distributed to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of State government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 10th day of February, 2021.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



J. KEVIN STITT

ATTEST:



BRIAN BINGMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE