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August 28, 2008

Ms. Deirdre H. Delisi
Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

RE: Tropical Storm/Hurricane Gustav – Waiver for Motor Carriers

Dear Chairman Delisi:

To accompany my August 27, 2008, State Disaster Proclamation for Tropical Storm/Hurricane Gustav, I am issuing this letter to provide guidance to the commercial motor carriers that will be involved in disaster response or economic recovery efforts related to Tropical Storm/Hurricane Gustav.

I direct the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to suspend all oversize/overweight permitting requirements and fees for motor carriers involved in relief efforts, with the exception of exceeding posted weight limits on bridges. Carriers moving loads that exceed 14 feet high will be required to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division at (512) 465-3592 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If calling after hours, they may call (512) 658-1149.

I direct the Texas Department of Public Safety to suspend all size and weight enforcement for motor carriers involved in relief efforts.

I direct that all requirements concerning Motor Carrier Registration, Unified Carrier Registration, the International Registration Plan and the International Fuel Tax Agreement be suspended for motor carriers traveling within or into Texas to assist with response and relief efforts. I am also suspending the requirements regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel for commercial motor carriers engaged in interstate disaster relief efforts.

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Hours of service limitations are temporarily suspended for carriers involved in response and recovery efforts.

Insurance, commercial driver's license and safety requirements associated with the above mentioned permits, registration and programs are not suspended and remain in effect.

Motor carriers traveling into or within Texas must, at the minimum, have liability insurance at limits required by Texas or their home state.

I ask all Texas law enforcement and other federal and state officials to honor this letter as a blanket permit issued to commercial motor carriers for the purpose of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Gustav disaster relief or economic recovery efforts.

This waiver will be in effect until September 26, 2008, unless extended or repealed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rick Perry
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Mr. Allan B. Polunsky, Chairman, Public Safety Commission
Texas Department of Public Safety