

Emergency Declaration __09-08_____

Effective __March 7, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time____ through
_____March 21, 2009 at 1:59 p.m. Central Time_____

In response to winter storms in Missouri, the Missouri Department of Transportation issued an emergency declaration to waive certain state and federal regulations for Iowa-based utility companies and electric co-ops who travel in and through Missouri on the way to participate in emergency relief efforts in Missouri and in Arkansas. This declaration extends the effective date until 1:59 p.m. Central Time, March 21, 2009.

While this declaration is in effect, participating carriers:

- Iowa utility companies and electric co-ops, specifically, are exempt from certain driver's age and medical qualification requirements.
- Who haul oversize/overweight permits
 - MUST obtain permits
 - Receive priority service
 - Must supply the information listed in the declaration
 - May operate during low visibility and during normal night, holiday and curfew hours with clearance lights
- Are not required to abide by Hours-of-Service laws
- Who are involved in interstate commerce are not required to obtain fuel or trip permits for travel in the State of Missouri
- May benefit from the waiver while under load and when returning either empty or with loads directly related to the emergency.
- **Must carry a copy of this declaration in each vehicle that operates in response to relief efforts.**

NONE of the emergency provisions apply to carriers who are not directly involved in emergency relief efforts.

Carriers must read and understand the attached emergency declaration. In the event this note contradicts any information in the declaration, the declaration language shall rule.

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION
09-08**

WHEREAS, Utility companies and electrical cooperatives based in the State of Iowa wish to act in response to winter storms and emergency conditions in many parts of the States of Missouri and Arkansas, which caused power outages, tree damage, road closures, hazardous travel and other hardship; and

WHEREAS, these extreme weather conditions, and the resulting interruption of essential human services require and will continue to require a massive public and private response to provide immediate, emergency assistance and continuing emergency relief to individual persons, businesses, and local governmental units in need of power restoration and reconstruction, and other necessities, which threatens to overload the available transportation systems to, from, and within the states of Missouri and Arkansas;

WHEREAS, the existing Emergency Declaration 09-06 is due to expire at 1:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2009,

NOW THEREFORE, I, JAN SKOUBY, MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR MODOT, by virtue of the authority delegated to me by Director Rahn under Executive Order 07-01 and Executive Order 08-40, hereby extend Emergency Delegation 09-06 through 12:01 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009. Except for the expiration date, all provisions contained in Emergency Declaration 09-06 shall and do continue to apply.

Executed this 6 day of March 2009.



Jan Skouby, Director
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