Summary: Emergency Declaration 10-03

Effective: January 21, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. Central Time through January 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time

In response to severe ice storms in the state of Iowa that have resulted in widespread power outages and destruction of property, the Missouri Department of Transportation has issued Emergency Declaration 10-03 to waive certain state and federal regulations for carriers responding to emergency relief efforts.

While this declaration is in effect, participating carriers:

- 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 10-03

WHEREAS, an emergency caused by ice storms in the state of Iowa has created hardships of power outages and property destruction; and

WHEREAS, these extreme weather conditions, and the resulting destruction of property, interruption of essential human services, and potential dangers to and loss of human life, 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 transportation for food, supplies, tools, equipment, medicine, fuel and public and private health care, law enforcement, security services, public utility services, sanitation and waste disposal, cleanup of debris, property restoration and reconstruction, and other necessities, which threatens to overload the available transportation systems to, from, and within the states of Missouri and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 07-01 issued January 2, 2007, and extended by Executive Order 08-40 on December 17, 2008 and Executive Order 09-29 on December 31, 2009, authorizes the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation (hereinafter, MoDOT), or the Director's designee, to issue Emergency Declarations for the limited purpose of temporarily suspending certain usual and necessary federal and state laws, regulations and administrative rules for commercial motor vehicles and drivers while they are transporting property to assist in the emergency relief efforts during the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Pete K. Rahn, MoDOT Director, issued a Memorandum on January 6, 2010, delegating the authority to Jan Skouby, MoDOT Motor Carrier Services Director, to issue such Emergency Declarations for the limited purpose of suspending certain federal and state laws, regulations and administrative rules for commercial motor vehicle and drivers while they are transporting property to assist in the emergency relief efforts during the emergency;

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 09-29, hereby declare that I acknowledge the existence of a state of emergency in the state of Iowa, as a result of the severe weather conditions described above; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the citizens of the aforementioned State requires that operators of commercial motor vehicles who are rendering assistance to the emergency efforts within the affected State should be allowed more rapid and efficient travel to meet this emergency need for transportation of property; and

FURTHER, I direct that the commercial motor vehicle regulatory requirements regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel and the mileage restrictions on restricted lanes for commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate and intrastate transportation in support of the disaster relief efforts in the affected State under this Emergency Declaration shall be waived; and

FURTHER, I direct that this Emergency Declaration shall become effective at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, and shall continue in effect until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Executed this 21st day of January, 2010.

Jan Skouby, Director

Motor Carrier Services Division
Missouri Department of Transportation

Jefferson City, Missouri