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STATE of MINNESOTA



TIM PAWLENTY GOVERNOR

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-19

PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH DAKOTA; RELIEF FOR MOTOR CARRIERS OPERATING IN MINNESOTA



I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this emergency executive order:

WHEREAS, the recent winter storm in South Dakota has resulted in widespread power outages which threaten life and property within that state; and

WHEREAS, emergency assistance of motor carriers is needed to transport utility service vehicles and utility service materials from other states across Minnesota into communities in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, to further relief efforts in South Dakota, that state has requested that Minnesota waive application of certain federal and state registration, permit and tax requirements related to motor carriers during the period of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

 A state of emergency exists in South Dakota that requires relief from the motor carrier registration and fuel trip permit fee requirements incorporated in Minnesota Statutes, 2004, Sections 168.187 subd. 17 and 168D.12, and the Code of Federal Regulations Parts 390 through 395, for those carriers that are assisting with the transportation of utility supplies and material required during relief efforts.

- 2. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve motor carriers and drivers from other applicable laws or regulations except where relief is provided by proper authority.
- 3. Utility service companies while operating under this order, may not operate vehicles deemed to be unsafe upon the highways of Minnesota.
- 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is directed to coordinate with the appropriate state agencies and officials in South Dakota in relation to the administration of this order and to address with South Dakota officials any needed amendments to interstate compacts and agreements relating to interstate registration and reciprocity for motor carriers providing emergency assistance.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2004, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this executive order is effective immediately for those carriers providing direct assistance to the emergency relief effort and shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency, but no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 5 2005. Direct assistance to the emergency relief effort terminates when a motor vehicle is used for a purposes not dedicated to the relief effort or the return of the motor vehicle to its home state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 30th day of November 2005.

TIM PAWLENTY

Governor

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Secretary of State