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SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 114272

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY, EXEMPTION OF HOURS OF SERVICE
AND STOPPAGE AT WEIGH STATIONS

A state of emergency having been declared in South Carolina and North Carolina due to a forecasted snow and ice storm in surrounding states, including Kentucky, and several states may suffer considerable damage and economic loss from snow, ice and artic temperatures due to changes in the weather pattern. Accordingly, pursuant to KRS 189.233, and 49 CFR 390.23, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists requiring relief from the hours of service imposed on commercial vehicles providing power restoration and delivering gasoline, propane and diesel fuel and needed supplies within the affected areas. This shall include any commercial vehicle responding to affected areas in response to power restoration and debris removal; and

States are working in concert to assist with relief efforts in the affected areas; and

Weather conditions have caused or may cause an emergency of national scope and the Commonwealth of Kentucky seeks to render mutual aid to assist in the federal and state disaster response; and

Weather conditions may cause and/or contribute to widespread electrical outages and fuel shortages to a significant portion of the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, distributing the delivery of vital services and products and thus affecting the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

49 CFR Part 395, 49 CFR 390.23, and 601 KAR 1:005 impose maximum driving time upon the drivers of commercial vehicles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 189.233, and 49 CFR 390.23, I hereby declare:

1. That a state of emergency exists requiring relief from the hours of service imposed on commercial vehicles delivering propane, fuel oil and kerosene within the affected areas; and
2. That conditions exist further requiring a waiver of stopping at all weigh stations for these commercial vehicles responding to the affected areas; and
3. The provisions of this order shall expire in fourteen (14) days or when a state of emergency no longer exists; and

4. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23, I hereby waive 49 C.F.R. Section 395.3 for vehicles transporting loads that are for use in (1) providing direct assistance supporting emergency relief efforts including transporting essential fuels, food, water, non-alcoholic beverages, medical supplies, feed for livestock and poultry, (2) transporting livestock, poultry, and crops ready to be harvested, or (3) the restoration of utility and transportation services in response to the Severe Weather Event in Commonwealth of Kentucky for fourteen (14) days.
5. That all other safety requirements shall remain in full force and effect.



Jim Gray, Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Done this 22 day of January, 2026 at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Approved as to form and legality:



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