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Multi-State Hours of Service Waiver Issued for Heating Fuels From EMA

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a multistate Hours of Service waiver for Heating oil, Propane and Natural Gas for 15 days through January 6, 2023, for the following states due to Winter Storm Elliott: ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GEORGIA, IDAHO, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MAINE, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, NEVADA, NORTH CAROLINA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, OREGON, PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, UTAH, VERMONT, VIRGINIA, WASHINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, WISCONSIN, AND WYOMING.

The emergency declaration applies to all states and jurisdictions listed above. This waiver covers all heating fuel deliveries in the states and jurisdictions listed because they support the "emergency," which in this case, is maintaining adequate heating fuel distribution in those areas.

Important: The FMCSA waiver covers interstate shipment of heating fuel in and out of the states and jurisdictions listed in the waiver letter. The FMCSA waiver does not cover intrastate only shipments (deliveries that stay within the boundaries of a single state). State governors must issue waivers for intrastate shipments within their boundaries. State Governors typically issue such waivers as part of their Emergency Declaration, or when FMCSA waivers are put into effect. Some of these states have already issued intrastate HOS waivers. Click here to read the notice and here for questions regarding the waiver.

The Energy Marketers of America will continue to work closely with the FMCSA, DOE, DHS/FEMA and other federal agencies to ensure emergency preparedness and response waivers and solutions to problems that arise in response to Winter Storm Elliott.