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## State of Emergency Issued- Impact on Industry Unclear

On Monday Governor Northam issued a press release announcing a state of emergency due to Hurricane Dorian. The actual emergency declaration was not issued until late yesterday, and while it allows for waivers for hours of service for transportation of motor fuels, heating oil and propane used for hurricane relief, it is not clear that these waivers have been requested or authorized. Additionally, these provisions are referenced in an entirely new Virginia Emergency Operations Plan ([found here](#)) that was also released for the first time yesterday. At this point it is unclear whether this new document will allow the private sector to petition for regulatory relief in the event of resource shortages caused for example by pipeline shutdowns or a polar vortex. In 2015, the petroleum and propane associations had to go to the General Assembly to request this authority.

After Dorian and its aftermath passes we will be working to determine the Commonwealth's plan for future resource shortages, and whether further legislative or regulatory activity is needed. Finally, please remember that a state of emergency automatically triggers the state's price gouging law. In the past, limited number of marketers have been charged under the law if their prices were more than 20% higher than the prevailing 10 day average prior to the emergency. Price increases due to supplier increases do not constitute price gouging so members are reminded to maintain invoices until the emergency declaration expires on October 2nd.

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## CITGO/Little Oil MDA Golf Classic September 19

The 2019 Citgo - Little Oil MDA Golf Classic is being held on Thursday, September 19 at Kiskiack Golf Club Williamsburg, VA. This tournament is dedicated to raising funds to help provide support and hope to families living with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases.

This year, Miss Virginia 2019, Camille Schrier, will be attending and will be giving "putting lessons" for each team on the course. You can register online to [www.one.bidpal.net/citgolittlegolf/welcome](http://www.one.bidpal.net/citgolittlegolf/welcome). The individual and package prices are enclosed. Please note that you receive a discount if you bundle a team entry with a sponsorship. If you do not wish to play you can select a sponsorship only option. If you have any questions, or prefer to register by phone, please call MDA of Greater Virginia at 804-285-2961.