



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #132

Relating to the Declaration of an Energy Emergency

WHEREAS, continuing cold temperatures and winter weather have caused an ongoing demand for propane, while the high prices and severe supply shortages earlier this year hindered propane users' ability to refill their tanks; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances have left many propane tanks at dangerously low levels and have led to a backlog of demand for deliveries, which are now difficult to fulfill under the special weight limits imposed on local roads during the spring months; and

WHEREAS, the weight limits severely curtail delivery vehicles' access to many residences, turning the backlog into a significant logistical problem and posing risks to the health, welfare, and economic well-being of residential customers and other end users who rely on propane for fuel and heat; and


WHEREAS, the legislature recently passed Senate Bill 574, enacted into law as 2013 Wisconsin Act 217, which authorizes the Department of Transportation, during an energy emergency, to permit certain propane delivery vehicles to exceed special weight limits imposed in the spring months in connection with the thawing of frozen highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 323.10 and 323.12(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

- 1) Declare that an energy emergency exists throughout the State of Wisconsin, effective immediately and expiring at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2014; and
- 2) Direct the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Administration, to exercise its authority under 2013 Wisconsin Act 217 to allow propane delivery vehicles having a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or less to exceed special weight limits for the duration of the energy emergency.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this seventeenth day of April in the year two thousand fourteen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State