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EXECUTIVE ORDER #216

Relating to Proclamation of an Energy Emergency

WHEREAS, the health, welfare, and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin depend on heating fuel; and,

WHEREAS, there has been unusually cold weather in Wisconsin and there is an imperative need for heating fuel; and,

WHEREAS, the availability of heating fuel has been disrupted by the explosion of a fuel pipeline terminal in Iowa City, Iowa; and

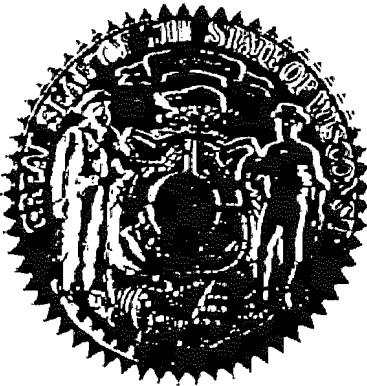
WHEREAS, allowing the transportation of overweight loads of heating fuel within this state, in a safe manner and as described in this order, will benefit the citizens of Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of Wisconsin and by §§ 166.03(1)(b)1, 340.01(15s), and 348.27(8), of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby declare the present condition of cold weather, along with the disruption of the supply of heating fuel, to be a natural or man-made disaster and hereby proclaim the entire State of Wisconsin to be in a state of emergency for a period of 20 days.

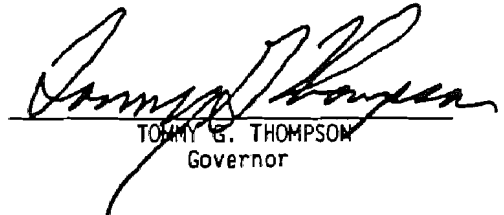
PURSUANT to said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, and §§ 166.03(1)(b)1, 340.01(15s), and 348.27(8), Wisconsin Statutes, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

(1) Notwithstanding §§ 348.15, 348.16, and 348.25(4), Wisconsin Statutes, during the period of the state of emergency, persons are allowed to transport loads of heating fuel by not more than 15% of the gross vehicle weight, and not more than 10% of the gross axle and axle combination weight limits, except on the national system of interstate and defense highways in Wisconsin.

(2) This order does not suspend the operations of any state or federal laws within the State of Wisconsin except as specifically described in the order. All other laws remain in full force and will be enforced. This order does not authorize any person transporting fuel to exceed any statutory vehicle width, length, or height limit. This order does not authorize the use of unregistered or improperly registered vehicles. Vehicles registered in other jurisdictions and not entitled to reciprocity, or not registered for use in Wisconsin through the International Registration Plan, must obtain a permit as provided in § 341.41, Wisconsin Statutes. Motor carriers hauling heating fuel for hire must have proper authority to operate in this State, as provided by § 194.04 Wisconsin Statutes, and must meet the insurance requirements of §§ 194.41 or 194.42, Wisconsin Statutes. Carriers must satisfy all ordinarily applicable federal and Wisconsin requirements concerning vehicle equipment, vehicle operations and driver qualifications and conduct.



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 Fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.



TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State