

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 375

Proclamation of an Energy Emergency

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

WHEREAS, there has been unusually hot weather in Wisconsin and there is an imperative need for energy resources and fuel; and

WHEREAS, the availability of energy resources and fuel has been reduced; and

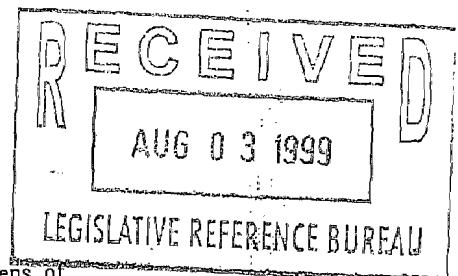
WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of energy resources or fuel currently available in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, allowing the transportation of overweight loads of energy resources or 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 the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Wisconsin, and specifically by sections 166.03(1)(b)1, 340.01(15s), and 348.17(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby declare the present condition of unusually hot weather, along with the shortage of energy resources and fuel to be a natural disaster and hereby proclaim the entire State of Wisconsin to be in a state of emergency for a period of 7 calendar days; and

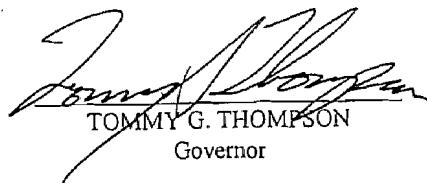
PURSUANT to said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Wisconsin, I hereby order that:

1. Notwithstanding sections 348.15, 348.16, and 348.25(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, during the period of the state of emergency, persons shall be allowed to transport loads of energy resources and fuel exceeding the statutory weight limitations by 15% of the gross vehicle weight, and 10% of the gross axle and axle combination weight limits, but only in vehicles having a registered gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more.
2. This emergency authorization is not valid on any part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, except for that portion of USH 51 between Wausau and STH 78 and that portion of STH 78 between USH 51 and the Interstate 90/94 interchange near Portage, designated as Interstate 39.
3. This order does not suspend the operation 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 effect. This order does not authorize any person transporting fuel to exceed any statutory vehicle width, length, or height limits. 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 section 341.41, of the Wisconsin Statutes. Motor carriers transporting energy resources or fuel for hire must have proper authority to operate in this State, as provided by section 194.04 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and must meet the insurance requirements of sections 194.41 or 194.42 of the 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 thirtieth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.



The Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin, featuring a central shield with a plow, a sheaf of wheat, and a sheaf of corn, surrounded by a circular border with the words "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN".

TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

By the Governor:



Douglas La Follette  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State