

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 358

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 liquid propane fuel has been disrupted; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of liquid propane fuel currently available in Wisconsin; and

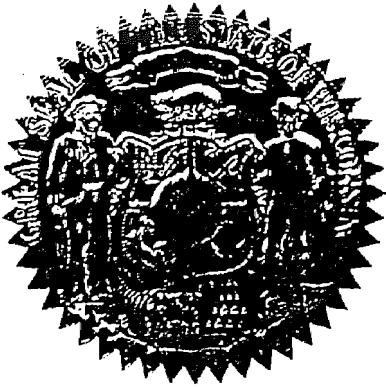
WHEREAS, allowing the transportation of overweight loads of liquid propane fuel within this State, in a safe manner and as described in this order, will benefit the people of this great State;

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 this State, 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 cold weather, along with the shortage of liquid propane 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 30 days; and


PURSUANT to said state of emergency, 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 liquid propane 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

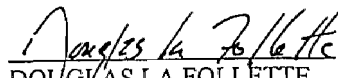
in Wisconsin through the International Registration Plan, must obtain a permit as provided in section 341.41 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Motor carriers hauling heating fuel for hire must have proper authority to operate in this State, as provided by section 194.04 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and must meet the insurance requirements of sections 194.41 or 194.42 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Carriers must satisfy all ordinarily applicable Federal and State 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 eighth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State