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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Implementation of Emergency Disaster Relief Program in Southern California Gas Company's Service Territory for Early February 2024 Storms for Residential Customer and Non-Residential Customer Protections Pursuant to Decision (D.) 19-07-015

Purpose

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) D.19-07-015 Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2, utilities are required to submit an Advice Letter (AL) in the event the Governor of California or a President of the United States declares a state of emergency when a disaster has either resulted in the loss or disruption of the delivery or receipt of utility service and/or resulted in the degradation of the quality of utility service. Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits an AL to notify the Commission of our implementation of emergency customer protections for residential and non-residential (small business)¹ customers arising from a powerful atmospheric river, early February 2024 storms that brought flooding, debris, heavy snow and damaging winds in SoCalGas' service territory, which include the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

Background

In D.19-07-015, the Commission established a permanent set of minimum emergency disaster customer protection measures that the utilities are mandated to implement in the event of a declared emergency. Pursuant to D.19-07-015 OP 2, utilities are required to

¹ In Decision (D.) 19-07-015, small businesses are "defined in accordance to the utilities' definition of 'small business' in their rules and tariffs." D.19-07-015 at 55, fn. 146. Accordingly, for the purposes of implementing these customer protections, small business customers include all customers taking service on a non-residential core rate schedule with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less. See, e.g., SoCalGas' Rule No. 01 ("Small Nonresidential Service"), Rule No. 23, and Rate Schedule Nos. G-10, G-AC, G-EN, G-NGV, GT-NC, and GTTLS. Additionally, in D.10-10-032, a small business customer is defined as a non-residential customer with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less. See D.10-10-032 at p. 1, fn. 1.

submit an AL within 15 days if the Governor of California or a President of the United States declares a state of emergency because a disaster has either resulted in the loss or disruption of the delivery or receipt of utility service and/or resulted in the degradation of the quality of utility service.

Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation on February 4, 2024, due to the effects of extreme weather conditions and the effects of a powerful atmospheric river, early February 2024 storms.

Eligibility and Time Limits for Emergency Customer Protections

The emergency disaster relief program adopted in D.19-07-015 is intended to assist utility customers in keeping vital utility services and receiving financial support in the wake of a disaster. The mandated customer protections within this program shall remain in effect from the date of the Governor of California's state of emergency declaration or a Presidential state of emergency declaration, and shall conclude no sooner than twelve (12) months from the date of the original emergency declaration, or as appropriately determined by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.² Additionally, the Commission has granted utilities the discretion to go beyond the mandated protections, where appropriate:

These customer protections are a floor, not a ceiling. As we stated in D.19-07-015 and D.19-08-025, we support and encourage the utilities and communications service providers to do more to help Californians in this time of need.³

Description of Adopted Consumer Protections

In the following section, SoCalGas describes the implementation of each of the residential and non-residential customer protections identified in D.19-07-015.⁴ Unless otherwise noted, each of these customer protections are applicable to both residential and small business customers and are effective through February 4, 2025. Also, noted are certain protections that are now obsolete since the issuance of D.20-06-003.⁵

OP 1 and 2 of D.19-07-015 directs the utilities to:

(1) waive deposit requirements for affected residential customers seeking to reestablish service for one year and expedite move in and move out service requests;

² D.19-07-015 at 2.

³ D.19-08-025 at 34. D.19-07-015 at 24-25, 63 (OP 1).

⁴ D.19-07-015, at 58-59 (Conclusions of Law 14).

⁵ On June 16, 2020, the Commission issued D.20-06-003, adopting rules and policy changes for Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) designed to reduce the number of residential customer disconnections and to improve reconnection processes. D.20-06-003 (1) prohibits requiring residential customers to pay establishment of credit deposits for new service, (2) prohibits requiring residential customers to pay reconnection fees or re-establishment of service deposits for reestablishment of service, and (3) requires IOUs to offer 12-month payment plans.

In compliance with D.20-06-003, SoCalGas no longer collects deposits from residential customers. The relief offered by this customer protection is obsolete.

(2) stop estimated usage for billing attributed to the time period when the home/unit was unoccupied as result of the emergency;

SoCalGas will attempt to use actual reads to bill all customers directly affected by the early February 2024 storms. SoCalGas has installed advanced meter modules to collect reads for most meters in its service territory. All directly affected customers with communicating advanced meter devices will be billed using the actual reads from the meter. If an actual read is not available, SoCalGas will estimate a customer's usage. SoCalGas will review the system estimates to confirm the reasonableness of bills. SoCalGas will make necessary corrections so the estimated usage reflects reduced consumption during the period of time the home or unit may have been unoccupied, as a result of the damage caused by the early February 2024 storms.

(3) discontinue billing;

SoCalGas will close eligible customers' accounts for customers whose residential and/or non-residential unit is destroyed or damaged and uninhabitable. SoCalGas will review residential customer accounts for possible bill forgiveness. Furthermore, SoCalGas will fully refund any existing deposit on the account after forgiving any bills.

(4) prorate any monthly access charge or minimum charges;

SoCalGas applies this relief to residential and non-residential (small business) customers whose property is destroyed or damaged and uninhabitable. SoCalGas does not assess access or minimum charges on residential accounts. SoCalGas will close eligible customers' accounts, as of a date to be determined, to prevent additional charges from being assessed for customers directly impacted by the early February 2024 storms.

(5) implement payment plan options for residential customers;

SoCalGas will review the accounts of residential eligible customers to forgive outstanding recent charges when SoCalGas issues the closing bills for customers whose residences are physically destroyed or damaged and uninhabitable by the early February 2024 storms. SoCalGas will extend the payment plan options, as directed, for any amounts that do not qualify for bill forgiveness. For other eligible customers with service who request additional grace period for payment, SoCalGas will offer payment plan options, as directed, for any amount up to the total outstanding balance on the account. Any eligible customer offered a payment plan will not be precluded from remunerating an arrearage more quickly.

(6) suspend disconnection for non-payment and associated fees, waive deposit and late fee requirements for residential customers;

SoCalGas will suspend collections activity for all customers directly affected by the early February 2024 storms through February 4, 2025. SoCalGas does not charge late fees to residential customers. In compliance with D.20-06-003, SoCalGas does not require deposits or reconnection fees from residential customers.

(7) support low-income residential customers, in disaster impacted zip codes which may include all zip codes in a county depending on circumstances, by:

(a) freezing all standard and high-usage reviews for CARE program eligibility until, at least, the end of the year and potentially longer, as warranted;

Identified CARE customers directly affected by the early February 2024 storms will not be subject to eligibility verification until February 4, 2025, unless further extended by SoCalGas or the Commission. High-usage reviews are not applicable to SoCalGas' CARE program.

(b) contacting all community outreach contractors, the CBOs who assist in enrolling hard-to-reach low-income customers into CARE, to help better inform customers of these eligibility changes;

SoCalGas maintains relationships with community and faith-based organizations, and community outreach contractors commonly referred to as "Community Partners". These Community Partners serve as trusted sources of information and represent various areas throughout the SoCalGas service territory to promote and build awareness to the communities they serve advocating for SoCalGas' Customer Assistance Programs.

SoCalGas will provide information on emergency customer protections to its Community Partners, so they have necessary information to provide to their clients and the communities they serve regarding enrollment and eligibility changes due to the impacts of the early February 2024 storms.

Customers that may be directly impacted can access Community Partners for more information on these available customer protections. Community Partners may also direct customers to SoCalGas' Customer Contact Center, 800-427-2200 and to the SoCalGas website for further assistance. An explanation of the customer protections available is located on SoCalGas' website at <https://www.socalgas.com/billing-support>.

(c) partnering with the program administrator of the customer funded emergency assistance program for low-income customers and increase the assistance limit amount for the next 12 months for impacted customers; and

SoCalGas' Gas Assistance Fund, administered by United Way of Greater Los Angeles, has increased the GAF amounts in the 2024 program season for those 55+, or with someone 55+ living in their household, from \$100 to \$200 until funds are depleted.

(d) indicate how the Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESAP) can be deployed to assist impacted customers;

SoCalGas' ESAP will leverage the outreach efforts described above and below to provide information about the program's benefits to customers that may be impacted by the early February 2024 storms.

(8) suspend all CARE and FERA program removals to avoid unintentional loss of the discounted rate during the period for which the customer is protected under these customer protections; and

Identified CARE customers directly affected by the early February 2024 storms will not be subject to program removal until February 4, 2025, unless further extended by SoCalGas or the Commission. The FERA program is not applicable to SoCalGas.

(9) discontinue generating all recertification and verification requests that require customers to provide their current income information.

SoCalGas has discontinued generating recertification and verification requests to identified CARE customers directly affected. Identified CARE customers directly affected by the early February 2024 storms will not be required to return recertification and verification requests. Identified CARE customers directly affected by the early February 2024 storms will not be subject to eligibility recertification and verification until February 4, 2025, unless further extended by SoCalGas or the Commission.

Communications Plan

SoCalGas will communicate the availability of emergency customer protections to customers in its impacted service territory using one or more communication channels that may include, but is not limited to, community outreach, web pages, outbound emails, media advisories, social media posts, social networking service for neighborhoods such as Nextdoor, outbound dialing, and SMS text messaging. The communication channels used will be determined by various factors, including size of impacted area, location, number of impacted residents, types of structures, remaining infrastructure, and others. SoCalGas will direct the customers to SoCalGas' Customer Contact Center, 800-427-2200 and to the SoCalGas website for further assistance. An explanation of the customer protections available is located on SoCalGas' website at <https://www.socalgas.com/billing-support>.

Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account (ECPMA)

SoCalGas will record costs associated with the protections described herein in the ECPMA. The costs recorded to this memorandum account will be incurred commencing February 4, 2024, which is the start date of the Governor's emergency proclamation. Pursuant to Res. M-4833 and M-4835, SoCalGas will seek recovery of these costs in a General Rate Case or other appropriate ratemaking proceeding.

Protests

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be submitted electronically and must

be received within 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter, which is March 11, 2024. Protests should be submitted to the attention of the Energy Division Tariff Unit at:

E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should also be sent electronically to the attention of:

Attn: Gary Lenart
Regulatory Tariff Manager
E-mail: GLenart@socalgas.com
E-mail: Tariffs@socalgas.com

Effective Date

This submittal is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B and OP 2 of D.19-07-015. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved and made effective February 4, 2024, which is the start date of the Governor's emergency proclamation.

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas' General Order (GO) 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in R.18-03-011. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to Tariffs@socalgas.com or call 213-244-2837. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at 415-703-2021 or via e-mail at Process_office@cpuc.ca.gov.

/s/ Joseph Mock
Joseph Mock
Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.:

Utility type:

ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person:

Phone #:
E-mail:
E-mail Disposition Notice to:

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #:

Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date:

No. of tariff sheets:

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected:

Service affected and changes proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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Utility Name:
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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 6263-G

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
FROM GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS in early February 2024 a powerful, slow moving, atmospheric river ("early February 2024 storms") struck California beginning February 3, 2024, and is expected to continue for several days threatening life and safety, public and private property and structures, and other critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service has issued multiple Winter Storm Warnings, High Wind Warnings, Wind Advisories, and Flood and Flash Flood Watches throughout the State in anticipation of the potential impacts from the early February 2024 storms, which include dangerous and life-threatening flooding and debris flows, heavy snow, and damaging wind causing property damage and power outages; and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service has also issued high surf advisories impacting coastal communities throughout California, forecasting large breaking waves and dangerous rip currents; and

WHEREAS the numerous wildfires over the last several years throughout southern California counties have caused massive burn scars, exacerbating the potential for precipitation to cause mud and debris flows; and

WHEREAS repositioning of assets has taken place throughout the State, including the placement of swift water rescue teams, high water vehicles, and equipment for the clearing of debris; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the early February 2024 storms in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the early February 2024 storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the anticipated impacts caused by the early February 2024 storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the early February 2024 storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular,

Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government shall utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public health and the environment, state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of the early February 2024 storms. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of the early February 2024 storms.
4. Any fairgrounds the Office of Emergency Services determines suitable to assist individuals impacted by the early February 2024 storms shall be made available to the Office of Emergency Services pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, Government Code section 8589. The Office of Emergency Services shall notify the fairgrounds of the intended use and may immediately utilize the fairgrounds without the fairground board of directors' approval.
5. The California National Guard may be mobilized under Military and Veterans Code section 146 to support disaster response and relief efforts, as directed by the Office of Emergency Services, and to coordinate with all relevant state agencies and state and local emergency responders and law enforcement within the impacted areas. Sections 147 and 188 of the Military and Veterans Code are applicable during the period of participation in this mission, exempting the California Military Department from applicable procurement rules for specified emergency purchases, and those rules are hereby suspended.
6. Any state-owned properties the Office of Emergency Services determines are suitable to address the impacts of the early February 2024 storms shall be made available to the Office of Emergency Services for this purpose in accordance with Government Code section 8570.

7. The provisions of Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253 imposing a one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance applicants are suspended as to all applicants who are unemployed as a direct result of the early February 2024 storms and apply for unemployment insurance benefits during the time period beginning February 4, 2024, and ending on the close of business on August 5, 2024, in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.
8. Vehicle Code sections 9265(a), 9867, 14901, 14902, and 15255.2, requiring the imposition of fees, are suspended with regard to any request for replacement of an identification card, driver's license card, vehicle registration certificate, or certificate of title, or registration stickers, by any individual who lost such records as a result of the early February 2024 storms in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. Such records shall be replaced without charge.
9. The provisions of Vehicle Code sections 4602 and 5902, requiring the timely registration or transfer of title are suspended with regard to any registration or transfer of title by any resident of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, who is unable to comply with those requirements as a result of the early February 2024 storms. The time covered by this suspension shall not be included in calculating any late penalty pursuant to Vehicle Code section 9554.
10. In order to ensure hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities remain open, the Director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) may waive any of the licensing requirements of chapters 1, 2, 8, and 8.5 of division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and accompanying regulations with respect to any hospital, clinic, other health facility, home health agency, or hospice agency identified in Health and Safety Code sections 1200, 1250, 1727, or 1746 that is impacted by the early February 2024 storms. Any waiver shall include alternative measures that, under the circumstances, will allow the facilities to remain open while protecting public health and safety. Any health facilities or agencies being granted a waiver shall be established and operated in accordance with their disaster and mass casualty plan or emergency preparedness plan. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the CDPH website and shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of the early February 2024 storms in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.
11. In order to directly respond to the needs of impacted adult and senior care facilities, child care facilities, children's residential facilities, resource family homes, home care organizations, and

other similar care facilities and care providers within the State Department of Social Services' (CDSS) jurisdiction, the Director of CDSS may waive any provisions of the Family Code, Health and Safety Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code, and accompanying regulations or written directives, with respect to the use, licensing, certification, registration or approval of care providers, facilities or homes within CDSS jurisdiction set forth in the California Community Care Facilities Act (Health and Safety Code section 1500 et seq.), Child Care Provider Registration (Health and Safety Code section 1596.60 et seq.), the California Child Day Care Facilities Act (Health and Safety Code section 1596.70 et seq.), Residential Care Facilities for Persons With Chronic Life-Threatening Illness (Health and Safety Code section 1568.01 et seq.), the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act (Health and Safety Code section 1569 et seq.), Medical Foster Homes for Veterans (Health and Safety Code section 1568.21 et seq.), Continuing Care Contracts (Health and Safety Code section 1770 et seq.), the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act (Health and Safety Code section 1796.10 et seq.), and the Resource Family Approval Program (Welfare and Institutions Code section 16519.5 et seq.). Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the CDSS website and shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts the early February 2024 storms in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

12. In order to directly respond to the needs of behavioral health programs and facilities impacted by the storm, including alcohol and other drug programs, adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, driving-under-the-influence programs, narcotic treatment programs, psychiatric health facilities, mental health rehabilitation centers, social rehabilitation programs, skilled nursing facilities with special treatment programs, Lanterman-Petris-Short designated facilities, community treatment facilities, short term residential therapeutic programs, and children's crisis residential programs, the Director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) may waive any licensing, certification, or approval requirements for such programs under its jurisdiction set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code, Divisions 4, 5 and 9 and in Health and Safety Code, Divisions 2 and 10.5 and accompanying regulations, written standards, or information notices. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the DHCS website and shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of the early February 2024 storms in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

13. Health and Safety Code sections 103525.5 and 103625, and Penal Code section 14251, requiring the imposition of fees are hereby suspended with regard to any request for copies of certificates of birth, death, marriage, and dissolution of marriage records, by any individual who lost such records as a result of the early February

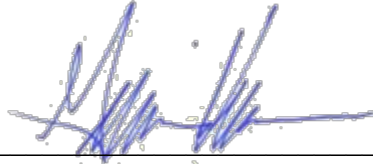
2024 storms in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. Such copies shall be provided without charge.

14. Drivers may exceed the hours-of-service limits specified in California Vehicle Code section 34501.2 and California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 1212.5 while operating a vehicle engaged in fuel transportation in support of emergency relief efforts, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Motor carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are eligible for the exemption once the out-of-service order expires or when they have met the conditions for its rescission.
 - b. In accordance with Section 1214, Title 13, California Code of Regulations, no motor carrier operating under the terms of this Proclamation will require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor vehicle carrier that they need immediate rest shall be given at least ten consecutive hours off-duty before being required to return to service.
 - c. Drivers shall maintain a driver's record of duty status, regardless of number of hours worked each day. These records shall be prepared, submitted, and maintained as required by Section 1213, Title 13, California Code of Regulations.
15. Consistent with Parts 390 and 395, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, drivers may exceed the hours-of-service limits specified while operating a vehicle engaged in fuel transportation in support of emergency relief efforts. These waivers shall be in effect only for the duration of the driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or thirty (30) days from the date of this Proclamation, whichever is less.
16. In order to allow out-of-state contractors and other utilities driving their own vehicles to provide mutual aid assistance for the restoration of electrical power within the counties impacted by storm, applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code including, but not limited to, Vehicle Code section 34620 requiring a motor carrier permit [licensing] and imposition of certain fees, are suspended for motor carriers providing such assistance. Also, the requirements for motor carriers and drivers in Vehicle Code sections 1808.1 [pull-notice program that checks for driver's license violations], 27900 [display name on vehicle], 27901 [size and color of display name on vehicle], 34505.5 [requirement to have been inspected within 90 days], and 34501.12 [requirement to set up home base in California] are suspended while providing mutual aid assistance for the emergency restoration of services.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive, or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 4th day of February 2024.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State