



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

20-01

WHEREAS, a severe winter weather event struck Washington State beginning on January 4, 2020, and additional winter weather systems are expected to extend this weather event impacting all counties and producing extensive snowfall and ice causing hazardous driving conditions, sporadic or extended road closures on mountain passes and other roadways throughout the lowlands and high elevations statewide; and

WHEREAS, road closures resulting from the severe weather event have prevented or delayed deliveries of fuel products to communities along US Highway 2, between Big Bend and Skykomish, and is expected to continue to prevent or delay such deliveries around the state, creating an emergency situation interrupting the delivery of essential fuel commodities to residents anticipated to be without power for another two weeks; and

WHEREAS, road closures resulting from severe weather have delayed, and will continue to delay, essential intrastate collection and delivery of bulk milk products by motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles between dairy farms and processing facilities, creating an emergency situation in the delivery of essential food supplies as drivers of these trucks cannot complete their routes within the time limits prescribed by the commercial motor vehicle driver hours of service rules; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department, through the State Emergency Operations Center, will continue to monitor and coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected areas, monitor the ongoing situation, and assess the impacts of the severe winter weather system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, do hereby proclaim that motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles collecting and delivering either (1) bulk milk products from dairy farms to dairy processing facilities and interplant between processing facilities or (2) fuel deliveries to municipalities impacted along Route 2 impacted by mountain pass or other road conditions implicated in these events are providing emergency relief during an emergency under 49 CFR § 390.23 are exempt from application of the driver hours of service rules in 49 CFR § 395, adopted pursuant to RCW 46.32.020 and WAC 446-65-010, until midnight on January 31, 2020.

Furthermore, under the provisions of RCW 43.006.220(1)(i), to preserve and maintain life, health, property or public peace, I also hereby impose temporary restrictions on motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles identified above as being exempt from application of the driver hours of service rules by prohibiting application of this exemption as follows:

