EASING GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL SUPPLY SHORTAGES

WHEREAS, shortages of gasoline and diesel fuel supplies in Nebraska are more widespread than usual during this period of the year; and

WHEREAS, these shortages appear to be temporary in nature and caused by a combination of tight supply in the state and region, refinery maintenance, and the flooding and resulting shutdown of the Coffeyville, Kansas, refinery; and

WHEREAS, gasoline and diesel fuel haulers are experiencing much longer time waiting in supply lines at all available terminals, and the extra time is creating hardship for gasoline and diesel fuel suppliers and distributors to obtain and deliver fuel supplies to retail outlets;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, in order to minimize the potential for gasoline and diesel supply disruptions caused by these unique circumstances, I hereby declare an emergency and direct and order as follows:

1. Effective immediately, the enforcement of the Nebraska Revised Statute § 75-363 (1)(g), commonly known as the “hours of service” rules (Part 395) shall be waived SOLELY for any commercial vehicle hauling gasoline and/or diesel fuel WITHIN the State of Nebraska for a period of 30 days from the effective date of this Executive Order. All remaining state and federal regulations pertaining to motor carrier safety and commercial driver license requirements are not waived by this Executive Order.
2. Nothing in this order shall waive any federal "hours of service" requirements for any drivers outside of the State of Nebraska.

3. This Executive Order shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on September 9th, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 9th day of August, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seven.

[Signature]
Dave Heineman, Governor
State of Nebraska

Attest:

[Signature]
John A. Gale, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska