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EMERGENCY WAIVER OF CERTAIN LC GAS STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES JANUARY 5, 2018

Due to the current and forecast extreme weather conditions that are creating below freezing temperatures across Mississippi and the eastern half of the United States, there is an increased demand for propane gas. This demand has created a sharp decline in propane inventories. Furthermore, this demand/supply challenge has led to distribution and delivery problems in particular areas of Mississippi.

In response to this situation, the U.S. Department of Transportation promulgated an emergency declaration on December 30, 2017, which provided regulatory relief for commercial motor vehicle operations delivering propane and home heating fuels in 38 states, including Mississippi, and the District of Columbia. The declaration is effective through the duration of the emergency or until January 14, 2018, whichever occurs first.

Due to a lack of needed propane gas, the Mississippi Insurance Department ("MID") is issuing this Emergency Bulletin to address the imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare.

Under this Emergency Bulletin the following procedural waivers are effective immediately:

1. MID Regulation 2011-2, Handling of Liquefied Compressed Gas Containers, Section 4.A, is hereby waived.

Any propane customer in Mississippi may now temporarily request another propane dealer to fill their tank(s) and dealers are temporarily allowed to do so. This is allowed in Section 4.B(4) of MID Regulation 2011-2 which specifically permits such actions if they are "taken under a declared state of emergency."

All other legal and procedural requirements remain in place. Dealers are expected to observe all safety rules and regulations to ensure that no unsafe situation is allowed to exist. Price gouging will not be tolerated.

This Emergency Bulletin is effective through January 14, 2018, unless renewed or modified.


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