



# Public Utilities Commission

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**TO:** Interested Carriers

**FROM:** Robert E. Marvin, Director  
Transportation Department  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

**DATE:** June 30, 2012

**RE:** Regulatory Relief for Intrastate Transportation

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio hereby grants regulatory relief from the hours-of-service requirements pursuant to Rule 4901:2-5-02(E)(3), Ohio Administrative Code, for all intrastate transportation operations involving response to the severe weather conditions that occurred yesterday. Extreme weather conditions, including severe storms and hurricane-force winds, have caused interruptions in the availability and/or delivery of gasoline and diesel motor fuel across Ohio, as well as home heating fuel, supplies and medicine to hospitals and medical treatment facilities across Ohio. Further, electric and other power service has been lost throughout the state necessitating the dispatching of crews throughout Ohio to repair power facilities and to restore such service. Governor Kasich declared a state of emergency for the entire State of Ohio and authorized all state agencies to take necessary actions with respect to the clean up resulting from the storms.

Rule 4901:2-5-02(E) (3), O.A.C., provides for regulatory relief from the hours-of-service regulations for motor carriers operating in intrastate commerce in time of an emergency. On November 4, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio adopted and approved a "Policy for Regulatory Relief in Emergency Situations" to implement this rule.

The regulatory relief granted in this notice does not alter a carrier's duty to monitor its drivers, to maintain records of duty status and to ensure that drivers are not ill, fatigued, impaired or otherwise unable to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Further, nothing in this regulatory relief provides an exemption from the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR, Part 383) where applicable, the controlled substance and alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR, Part 382) and/or the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements adopted by the Commission.

**This grant of regulatory relief is effective immediately and expires at 12:01 AM, July 8, 2012.**

Please contact the Director's Office at (614) 466-3191 with questions regarding this matter.

Robert E. Marvin, Director  
Transportation Department  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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