

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-36

WHEREAS, Missouri winters often bring extreme cold and severe storm systems that have the potential to cause damage associated with rain, freezing rain, snow, sleet, ice, and low temperatures, impacting communities throughout the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, winter conditions can cause distress and hazards to the safety, welfare, and property of the people of the State of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local jurisdictions and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, Missourians depend on residential heating fuel such as propane, natural gas, and heating oil to heat their homes, businesses, and other buildings during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the pipeline distribution system that supplies Missouri, and other Midwest states, with critical heating fuel has experienced significant disruptions that are restricting heating fuel availability at distribution terminals across the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, this disruption in the residential heating fuel supply chain has the potential to cause significant delays for carriers in acquiring and transporting residential heating fuel in and across Missouri; and

WHEREAS, heating fuel carriers have to travel longer distances and are waiting longer periods at distribution terminals in order to secure product to meet consumer demand; and

WHEREAS, this disruption comes at a time when severe winter weather is a common occurrence in Missouri and poses a serious risk to Missourians by increasing difficulty in receiving delivery of heating fuels critical to keeping their families warm this winter; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of current regulations on maximum driving times is necessary for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri in order to ensure that operators of commercial motor carriers who are assisting in the aforementioned efforts within the State of Missouri can transport residential heating fuel in and across Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri, including sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri within the meaning of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Section 390.23.

I further order vehicles used in support of the transportation of residential heating fuels be exempt from the hours-of-service requirements in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 390 through 399, as incorporated in state law, including but not limited to Sections 307.400, 390.201, and 622.550, RSMo, and 11 CSR 30-6.010, for the duration of this Order.

This Order applies only to residential heating fuel such as propane, natural gas, and heating oil. No other petroleum products or other fuels are covered by the exemption and suspension under this Order.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from applicable controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 382, the commercial driver's license requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 383, the financial responsibility requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 387, applicable size and weight requirements, or any portion of Federal and State regulations not specifically identified.

Additionally, nothing in this Order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle as described in 49 C.F.R. § 390.23(b). Motor carriers or drivers currently subject to an out-of-service order are not eligible for the exemption and suspension until the out-of-service order expires or the conditions for rescission have been satisfied.

This Order shall terminate on January 2, 2026, unless extended in whole or in part.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 15th day of December, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Kehoe", is written over a horizontal line.

MIKE KEHOE
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denny Hoskins", is written over a horizontal line.

DENNY HOSKINS
SECRETARY OF STATE