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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Authorizing Suspension of Certain Motor Carrier Statutes and Fees for Vehicles Participating in Disaster Relief Related to Severe Tornadoes in Kansas

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992, C.R.S. § 24-32-2100, *et seq.*, and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 24-60-2901, *et seq.*, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order authorizing suspension of certain motor carrier statutes and fees for vehicles participating in disaster relief related to severe tornadoes in Kansas.

1. Background and Need

On May 4, 2007, tornadoes and other severe weather, including hail, high winds, and flooding struck parts of Kansas, causing loss of life, personal injury and excessive damage to businesses and homes across the state. Between May 5 and May 10, 2007, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius declared a state of emergency in thirty-six Kansas counties. On May 8, 2007, Governor Sebelius issued an Executive Order suspending the fees associated with over-dimension and overweight permits for vehicles participating in relief efforts. Because many vehicles providing such assistance are engaged inter-state travel, Governor Sebelius has requested that other states, including Colorado, suspend such fees as well, in order to assist Kansas with recovery and relief efforts.

As a party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, the State of Colorado is able to provide assistance to states enduring a disaster emergency, which assistance may include the temporary suspension of a statute or regulation. By this Executive Order, I am authorizing the Colorado Department of Transportation, at its discretion, to issue overweight and oversize permits without charging the statutory fee to carriers providing disaster assistance.

2. Mission and Scope

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-32-2104(7) and § 24-60-2902, I hereby authorize the Colorado Department of Transportation, at its discretion, to issue overweight and oversize permits without charging the statutory fee to carriers providing disaster assistance. This includes waiving the permit fees for those carriers removing debris and delivering supplies and other materials associated with the disaster recovery and rebuilding effort in Kansas.

3. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from its date of signature unless extended further by Executive Order.

Given under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this 15th
day of May, 2007.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor