TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: A winter storm that began on or about February 9, 2021, and continued thereafter, caused freezing rain, sleet, snow, and ice with such severity to warrant executive action to alleviate hardship and suffering in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Great hardship has been wrought upon the citizens, businesses, and public and private property within the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The winter storm resulted in Arkansas’s fuel supplies being shared with neighboring states, in part to address the closing of refineries in neighboring states, which created shortages in the region; and

WHEREAS: The extreme weather conditions surrounding Arkansas have required fuel transporters to travel farther distances to secure fuel to meet the needs of consumers in Arkansas and its neighboring states, creating an emergency situation that is limiting the delivery of fuel; and

WHEREAS: 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23(a)(1)(B)(ii)(B) authorizes a state governor to extend a regional emergency not to exceed sixty (60) additional days from the date the initial declaration of emergency expires, and to exempt any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle to provide direct assistance in providing emergency relief during an emergency pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §390 to 49 C.F.R. §399;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by Act 511 of 1973, as amended, do hereby amend DR 21-02 insofar as it applies to commercial carriers hauling fuel products to customers in Arkansas, and said state of emergency and the provisions of this proclamation shall exist and be in effect through March 19, 2021, or until such time as emergency conditions shall cease to exist, whichever is sooner.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord 2021.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State