

## 6. POLICY POSITION

### LIQUID PROPANE GAS

#### Background

As temperatures plunged to record lows throughout much of the South this past winter, numerous states experienced dramatic liquid propane (LP) gas shortages. This in turn created a severe hardship for transporters of liquid propane gas crossing state lines. Once propane supplies were depleted in the states where transporters held valid operating licenses, lengthy delays were incurred by transporters attempting to obtain licenses to haul gas in other states with available supplies. These prolonged periods of uncertainty only accentuated near life-threatening conditions for residential, industrial and commercial customers.

#### Recommendation

Member states of the Southern Legislative Conference are encouraged to individually adopt legislation authorizing the Governor of a state to join with the Governor of at least one other state to issue a joint declaration of a shortage of liquid propane gas emergency.

Furthermore, the Southern Legislative Conference strongly recommends that for the duration of the declaration, transporters of liquid propane gas and operators properly licensed in their home state and currently abiding by all federal safety requirements shall be waived from the licensing, permitting and certification requirements for out-of-state LP gas transporters.

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