EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-23

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate response and recovery actions and future mitigation measures; and,

WHEREAS, the travel restrictions associated with the COVID-19 emergency declaration have resulted in an oversupply of winter grade fuel, preventing the distribution of season-appropriate summer grade fuel; strict compliance with state regulations governing the distribution of petroleum products meeting winter season volatility standards will prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in response to this emergency and result in a shortage of season-appropriate grade fuel available for retail sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority vested under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, hereby temporarily suspends the provisions of North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-34-01-01, to allow ASTM Class D-4/E-5 winter grade fuel to be sold and distributed in North Dakota from April 1 to May 20, 2020.

This order is in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th day of April, 2020.

Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State