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Swati and Rob,

We currently have in place a State of Emergency (SOE) that expires today. Under the SOE, we issued Executive Order 2016-28, which waived hours of service (HOS) requirements for up to 15 days. The same EO waived weight restrictions for up to 120 days, through February 1, 2017. We referenced the statute in the EO, but we did not explicitly state the time lines as we wanted to reserve the right to issue an EO stopping the waivers if they were not needed. (We issued these Oct 4 before the hurricane hit.)

Today, since our SOE is still in place, and as there are still debris removal needs, we plan to extend the waiver of service hours for the current hurricane needs another 30 days. Because is a back-to-back hours of service waiver, both SC and federal law require we get approval from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). We requested that approval yesterday and expect approval today.

If we do not receive approval, we will issue the HOS waiver based on Georgia's declared SOE issued yesterday at 5:25 PM. While it would still be a back-to-back HOS waiver, arguably it is a different event and thus we can avoid FMCSA approval. We requested the approval from the FMCSA at 3:00 yesterday before Georgia issued its State of Emergency EO at 5:25 yesterday evening, so this was not our first option.

Either way, we prefer not to issue a SC State of Emergency based on the pipeline event as we saw from the last event that such a move can create more runs at the gas pumps.

There are a lot of questions on fuel standards and waivers on blends/comingling gas types. These decisions are made by the Department of Agriculture. John Stokes is our contact there, and we have reached out to him. We will provide his name to those requesting waivers unless he gives us a different contact. Most likely they will issue some sort of industry wide waiver, and when we receive a copy we can provide it to you both for distribution.

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I have copied Rebecca for any additional input she might have.

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