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## STATE OF CONNECTICUT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DANNEL P. MALLOY **GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15**

WHEREAS, a declaration of civil preparedness emergency was issued by the Governor on October 29, 2011 due to a severe snow storm and unprecedented power outages experienced throughout the state;

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes section 28-9(b) authorizes and empowers the Governor to take such steps as are reasonably necessary in light of such emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state, and to modify and suspend in whole or in part, any statute, regulation or requirement or part thereof, whenever the Governor is of the opinion that it is in conflict with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions;

WHEREAS, severe weather conditions and fallen trees have resulted in continuing widespread power outages in the state, and limited transportation within the state;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29-331-5, Chapter 4-2.2, of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Natural Gas Code ("Code"), propane cylinders or tanks shall only be filled, evacuated, disconnected or transported and regulator(s) disconnected only by the owner of the cylinder or tank or upon the owner's authorization;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29-331-5, Chapter 4-2.2, residents without power and seeking to have their propane tanks filled by the owner of the tank may be left without propane if a distributor and owner of the tank or cylinder is unable to respond to their requests for propane or recovering from a loss of

WHEREAS, due to the emergency conditions caused by the storm and the potential inability of residents to have their tanks or cylinders re-filled, many residents have been unable to have access to propane to heat their homes and cook their meals;

WHEREAS, in light of the emergency conditions, it is appropriate to allow any distributor of propane fuel to respond to a request for a consumer's request for a re-fill of propane, regardless of whether they own the tank or have the owner of the tank's authorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT the modification of the following regulation. or requirements under the following conditions for the reasons stated above:

Except as otherwise stated in this Order, Section 29-331-5, Chapter 4-2.2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is modified to the extent that Connecticut residents seeking to have their propane tanks re-filled by a propane distributor, can have their tanks filled by a distributor other than the owner of the tank, or without their authorization, and have it filled by any distributor that can respond to their needs for propane.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon filing with Office of the Secretary of State and shall be effective for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days unless sooner revoked.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2011.

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Dannel P. Malloy

Governor

By His Excellency's Order

Denise Merrill Secretary of the State