

**Motor Carrier Group Chairman's Factual Report  
HWY-05-MH035**

**Attachment #27: Texas Governor Proclamation**  
(5 Pages)

## Proclamation - September 20, 2005



Proclamation  
by the  
Governor of the State of Texas

### **TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

**I, RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**, do hereby certify that Hurricane Rita poses a threat of imminent disaster along the Texas Coast beginning September 20, 2005.

**THEREFORE**, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby proclaim the existence of such threat and direct that all necessary measures both public and private as authorized under Section 418.015 of the code be implemented to meet that threat.

As provided in section 418.016, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of September, 2005.

**RICK PERRY(Signature)**  
Governor of Texas

Attested by:  
**ROGER WILLIAMS(Signature)**  
Secretary of State



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY  
GOVERNOR

September 23, 2005

The Honorable Richard F. "Ric" Williamson  
Chairman  
Texas Transportation Commission  
125 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

RE: Hurricane Rita – Waiver for Motor Carriers

Dear Chairman Williamson:

To accompany my September 20, 2005 State Disaster Proclamation for Hurricane Rita, I am issuing this letter to provide guidance to the commercial motor carriers that will be involved in disaster relief or economic recovery efforts following the Hurricane Rita event.

I direct the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to suspend ~~all oversized/overweight~~ permitting requirements and fees for motor carriers involved in relief efforts, with the exception of exceeding posted weight limits on bridges. Carriers moving loads that exceed 14' high will be required to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division at 512/465-3592 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If calling after hours, please call 512/658-1149.

I direct the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to suspend ~~all size and weight enforcement~~ for motor carriers involved in relief efforts.

I direct that all requirements concerning ~~Motor Carrier Registration, Single State Registration, the International Registration Plan, and International Fuel Tax Agreement~~ be suspended for motor carriers traveling within or into Texas to assist with relief efforts. I am also suspending the requirements regarding the ~~purchase of trip permits~~ for registration and fuel for commercial motor carriers engaged in interstate disaster relief efforts.

~~Hours of service limitations~~ are temporarily suspended for carriers involved in evacuation and recovery efforts. Also carriers not directly involved in evacuation and recovery efforts that were caught in evacuation traffic are excused from hours of service overages noted in their logbook.

The Honorable Richard F. "Ric" Williamson

September 23, 2005

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~~Insurance, commercial driver's license, and safety requirements~~ associated with the above mentioned permits, ~~registration~~, and programs are not suspended and remain in effect. Motor carriers traveling into or within Texas must, at the minimum, have liability insurance at limits required by Texas or their home state.

I ask all Texas law enforcement and other federal and state officials to honor this letter as a blanket permit issued to commercial motor carriers for the purpose of Hurricane Rita disaster relief or economic recovery efforts.

This waiver will be in effect until October 31, 2005, unless extended or repealed.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rick Perry  
Governor

RP:khp

cc: The Honorable Carole Keeton Strayhorn  
Ms. Colleen McHugh, Chairman, Public Safety Commission

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**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

**WHEREAS I, RICK PERRY**, Governor of the State of Texas, did issue an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on September 20, 2005, as Hurricane Rita posed a threat of imminent disaster along the Texas Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Rita struck the State of Texas on September 24, 2005, causing massive destruction in Southeast Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, I do hereby certify that Hurricane Rita continues to create an emergency disaster and emergency conditions for the people in the State of Texas.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the disaster proclamation and direct that all necessary measures, both public and private as authorized under Section 418.015 of the code, be implemented to meet that disaster.

As provided in Section 418.016, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 20th day of October, 2005.

**RICK PERRY(Signature)**  
Governor of Texas

Attested by:  
**ROGER WILLIAMS(Signature)**  
Secretary of State