



Proclamation of Emergency to Expedite the Restoration of Electrical Power

WHEREAS, the State of Maine was widely affected on October 16, 2019 and October 17, 2019 by high winds and heavy rains that closed countless roads and left hundreds of thousands of Maine homes and businesses without electric power; and

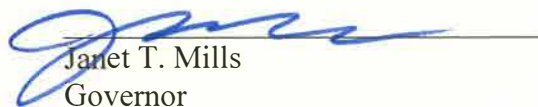
WHEREAS, repair crews from Maine, other New England states, and Canada will need to work continuously to clear roads and restore power; and

WHEREAS, federal law pursuant to *49 CFR § 395* limits the number of hours that certain drivers of electrical line repair vehicles may operate unless a State of Emergency is declared pursuant to *37-B M.R.S. § 742* and consistent with *49 CFR § 390.23(a)(1)(i)(A)*; and

WHEREAS, extended power outages will threaten public health and safety and endanger public property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to *Me. Const. Art V, Pt 1, §§ 1 and 12*, do hereby find that these conditions constitute a civil emergency and therefore declare by this Proclamation under *37-B M.R.S. § 742* a State of Emergency from October 18, 2019 through October 22, 2019. This Proclamation shall constitute the exemption recognized by federal law that will enable electrical line repair crews to restore more quickly electrical power to Maine homes and businesses; provided that no motor carrier operating under this Proclamation shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle; and provided further that a driver who notifies a motor carrier that such driver needs immediate rest shall be given a least ten (10) consecutive hours off-duty before returning to service. Drivers operating under this Proclamation shall carry a copy as evidence of their direct emergency service to the people of Maine.

Dated this 18th day of October 2019.


Janet T. Mills
Governor