

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

August 31, 2017

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18

ABNORMAL MARKET DISRUPTION

WHEREAS, the uninterrupted supply of fuel oil, diesel oil, and gasoline is essential for the health, safety or economic well-being of persons or property in North Carolina, and any interruption in the delivery of those fuels threatens the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Harvey, oil refineries in Texas and Louisiana have suffered a temporary interruption of production which has caused a disruption in the delivery of petroleum products, including gasoline to North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has issued a Major Disaster Declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act for portions of the State of Texas (FEMA-4332-DR-TX) on August 25, 2017 and an Emergency Declaration for the State of Louisiana (FEMA-3382-EM-LA) on August 28, 2017; and

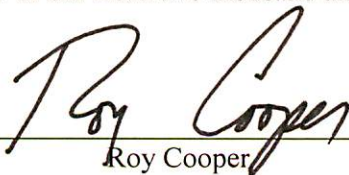
WHEREAS, I have determined that an abnormal market disruption has occurred to the distribution or sale of goods and services in North Carolina pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-38.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**:

- (1) Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-38, an abnormal market disruption exists because of the temporary shutdown of refineries that serve North Carolina because of Hurricane Harvey.
- (2) The execution of this Executive Order triggers the enforcement of N.C.G.S. § 75-38, "Prohibit excessive pricing during states of disaster, states of emergency, or abnormal market disruptions."
- (3) The investigation and enforcement of N.C.G.S. § 75-38 is hereby vested in the Attorney General of North Carolina.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for forty-five (45) days.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 31st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Rodney S. Maddox
Chief Deputy Secretary of State

