



# Department of Public Safety and Corrections

## Public Safety Services

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR

JOHN W. ALARIO  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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### STATE OF EMERGENCY --- HURRICANE LAURA

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- WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;
- WHEREAS,** on August 21, 2020, and in accordance with the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 et seq., Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 108 JBE 2020, thereby declaring a state of emergency to exist statewide in the State of Louisiana as a result of the imminent threat of emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State due to Tropical Storm Laura;
- WHEREAS,** after rapid intensification, Tropical Storm Laura became a Category 4 Atlantic hurricane and made landfall peak intensity on Cameron, Louisiana on August 27, 2020;
- WHEREAS,** the number of liquefied petroleum gas dealers currently available to the state to respond to this emergency are insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement their number in order to service those affected by this disaster;
- WHEREAS,** by a majority vote of the members of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission on August 31, 2020, and in accordance with LAC 55:IX.301, the Commission delegated authority to the Executive Director for the purpose of waving any rule under Part IX of Title 55 that does not materially affect safety.

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**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN W. ALARIO**, Executive Director of the Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission, by virtue of the authority vested in La. R.S. 40:1846(I), do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:**

The suspension of LAC 55:IX.139(E) is hereby granted. Specifically, LAC 55:IX.139(E)states: “No person, firm, or corporation, except the owner, thereof, or person, firm, or corporation authorized in writing by said owner, shall fill, refill, buy, sell, offer for sale, give, take, loan, dispose of, or traffic in, a liquefied petroleum gas container or tank.”

**SECTION 2.**

This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Thursday, August 31, 2020 until the Governor rescinds the aforementioned state of emergency that is in effect pursuant to Hurricane Laura, unless amended, modified or terminated by operation of law.



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JOHN W. ALARIO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission