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SECRETARY OR SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE WITHIN 4 HOURS AFTER THE UTILITY COMPANY RESPONDS TO A UTILITY EMERGENCY.

- 3. AN INCIDENTAL DRIVER SAFETY PLAN MUST INCLUDE THE PROCEDURES THAT THE UTILITY COMPANY WILL FOLLOW TO ENSURE THAT AN INCIDENTAL DRIVER WILL NOT DRIVE DURING A UTILITY EMERGENCY IF THE INCIDENTAL DRIVER HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT REST TO ENSURE THAT THE INCIDENTAL DRIVER MAINTAINS THE ABILITY TO DRIVE SAFELY.
- (3) (i) All declarations issued under this [section] SUBSECTION shall indicate the nature of the utility or transportation emergency, the area or areas threatened, and the conditions which have brought it about.
- (ii) A declaration shall be disseminated by a means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public, in the areas affected by the declaration.
- (4) Within 10 days of the issuance of any declaration issued under this [section] SUBSECTION, the Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall notify the Governor of the nature of the declaration.
- (5) A futility or  $\frac{1}{2}$  transportation emergency declared by the Secretary or the Secretary's designee may not extend for more than  $\frac{3}{2}$   $\frac{5}{2}$  days, unless renewed by the Governor pursuant to  $\frac{3}{2}$   $\frac{5}{2}$   $\frac{14-107}{2}$  of the Public Safety Article.
- (k) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 14-107 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, A UTILITY COMPANY MAY DECLARE A UTILITY EMERGENCY.
- (2) (I) BEFORE A UTILITY COMPANY MAY EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A UTILITY EMERGENCY, THE UTILITY COMPANY SHALL FILE A PLAN WITH THE SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.
- (II) THE PLAN SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES THAT THE UTILITY COMPANY WILL FOLLOW TO ENSURE THAT AN INCIDENTAL DRIVER WILL NOT DRIVE DURING A UTILITY EMERGENCY IF THE INCIDENTAL DRIVER HAS NOT HAD AN AMOUNT OF REST SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT THE DRIVER MAINTAINS THE ABILITY TO DRIVE SAFELY.
- (III) A UTILITY COMPANY IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A NEW PLAN EACH TIME THE UTILITY COMPANY INTENDS TO DECLARE A UTILITY EMERCENCY.
- (3) IF-A-UTILITY-COMPANY-DECLARES A-UTILITY-EMERGENCY, THE UTILITY-COMPANY-SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARYS DESIGNEE OF THE NATURE OF THE DECLARATION WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE DECLARATION.
- (4) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO AN INCIDENTAL DRIVER DURING A TIME WHEN A UTILITY EMERGENCY IS DECLARED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON NOTIFICATION BY A UTILITY COMPANY THAT IT IS RESPONDING TO A UTILITY EMERGENCY, THE SECRETARY OR SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE SHALL: