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**EXECUTIVE ORDER TO MONITOR MOTOR FUEL RETAIL AND
WHOLESALE PRICES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

WHEREAS, motor fuel prices are on the rise throughout the United States;
and

WHEREAS, high motor fuel prices negatively impact Illinois consumers,
the state's tourism industry, transportation, and the overall health of Illinois'
economy; and

WHEREAS, consumers of motor fuel in Illinois are entitled to a fair and
competitive market for motor fuel and to information that will allow them to pay
the lowest possible price for motor fuel; and

WHEREAS, healthy, vigorous competition among motor fuel refiners,
marketers, and retailers may be encouraged by increased awareness among
Illinois consumers about motor fuel prices; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers and decision makers can use information about the
motor fuel market to create appropriate policy responses to increased motor fuel
prices.

THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

- I. In order to regularly inform the Governor and Illinois consumers of
current retail and wholesale motor fuel prices in Illinois, the
Department of Revenue, in cooperation with the Department of
Agriculture and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, shall
conduct regular surveys of motor fuel retail outlets as well as
collect industry data on wholesale prices of motor fuel.

- II. The Department of Revenue, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish a system to disseminate information to the public as to motor fuel prices based upon their survey results and industry data.
- III. The Department of Revenue, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, shall research the issue of zone pricing of motor fuel and the possible implications for the state.
- IV. The Department of Revenue, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, shall research the issue of single source distribution of motor fuel and the possible implications for the state.

V. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any state or federal law.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid in a court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall be in full force and effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH, Governor

Issued by Governor: _____, 2004
Filed with Secretary of State: _____, 2004