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Reply to: MC-PRR

Mr. Avelino Gutierrez
Chairman, Board of Directors
Unified Carrier Registration Plan
1120 Pasco de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Mr. Gutierrez:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 22, 2007, to Secretary of Transportation Peters on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Unified Carrier Registration Plan (UCR Board).

Your letter transmitted the UCR Board's recommendation for the annual fee amounts and fee brackets for registration year 2008 for the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement. FMCSA has analyzed the recommendation and has determined that the Agency requires further information before commencing a rulemaking to implement the 2008 UCR fee schedule. Therefore, the 90-day period specified in 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(7)(B) for consideration of the implementing rule has not begun.

As Deputy Administrator David H. Hugel proposed in his letter of October 23, 2007, FMCSA would like to meet with the chairperson of the revenue and fees subcommittee, Mr. Bill Leonard, to discuss the Board's recommendation. This meeting will be instrumental in resolving the issues that have arisen from FMCSA's review and will enable the rulemaking to move forward. We are committed to moving ahead quickly and will schedule this meeting within two weeks.

If the Board requires additional information or assistance please contact Mr. Jason Hartman at (202) 366-5043 or via e-mail at Jason.Hartman@DOT.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry W. Minor".

Larry Minor
Associate Administrator
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Robert Pitcher, Vice Chair
Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors

Bill Leonard, Chairperson
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