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Mr. Avelino Gutierrez
Chairperson, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Mr. Gutierrez:

As you know, over the past several months the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has dedicated substantial staff time and resources to ensuring the successful implementation of the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Agreement. I would like to briefly update you and the UCR Board on two issues, both related to FMCSA's information technology support that allows States to transmit and access UCR compliance information.

First, I am pleased to report that the States of Iowa and Virginia have completed the web services certification process. As you know, the web services certification allows for the "real time" updates of payment data into the FMCSA Safety and Fitness Electronic Records System which is essential to conduct roadside enforcement. The remaining State, North Dakota, is in the final testing stage and we are continuing to provide one-on-one support, following up with subsequent conference calls (which included the participation of the chair of the UCR System Subcommittee) to ensure a thorough and complete certification process. We expect North Dakota to be certified shortly. Once this has been accomplished, FMCSA will have fulfilled its commitment to all States currently participating in the UCR Agreement allowing them to transmit and access UCR compliance information.

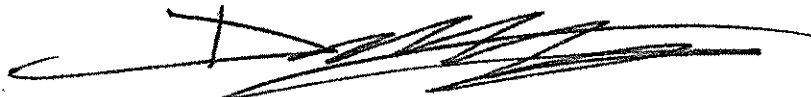
While I am pleased to report this good news, I am distressed to have learned recently from my staff that the chair of the UCR System Subcommittee advised them that one State, currently participating in the UCR system administered by the State of Indiana, is contemplating withdrawing from that system and is seeking FMCSA's assistance to establish its own system. While my staff will participate in a conference call with this State today, along with the chair of the UCR System Subcommittee, to determine the level of effort and resources it may take to certify the State to transmit data to FMCSA, I seriously question the need for States currently utilizing the Indiana UCR system to establish their own system at this point in time.

As I mentioned at the January 14 – 15, 2008, UCR Board of Directors meeting, this increase in State systems is not only costly to FMCSA, but it raises concerns that the time it takes

34 other States using the Indiana system will be able to receive the data downloaded from FMCSA. As a result, there will be no reason for those States to be certified to download data from FMCSA. The FMCSA cannot continue to use resources to certify systems when a viable system exists.

Therefore, I am requesting the Board to adopt a resolution requiring all States currently using the Indiana system to upload or download UCR data to continue to do so and all new States be required to use the Indiana system.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Hugel", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

David H. Hugel

cc:

Mr. Robert Pitcher, Vice-Chair
Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors