

DSL Status Report

To The UCR Board

12/15/2016

DSL Contract Services Report
12/15/16

Director and Officer (D&O) Insurance

Status:

As indicated in last month's report, DSL completed the D&O insurance application from the Great American Insurance Group and sent the completed application to the Chairman for review and signature.

Follow-up: The Depository chair recently secured a financial statement from our accountants and has forwarded the financial statement to the Chairman for inclusion with the application. This should put one step closer to getting an estimate from GAIG.

UCR Registration Web Site / Query Placement

Status:

DSL was asked by Indiana to research how to improve search engine placement for the Indiana registration site vis-à-vis third-party permit agents. DSL contacted Google Ad Words and received information on how Indiana could improve their positioning. Indiana is following up with Google.

Business Plan / Budget – The Business Plan will encompass the overall strategy of the organization, major objectives, budget, timelines, and resources required.

Status:

DSL, working closely with the Depository chair and the Revenue and Fees chair, drafted documents which were used as the basis for the last UCR Board call pertaining to the Fee Reduction.

Since the last meeting, DSL has begun researching ways to establish **non-profit organization reserve policies**, since a formal Board reserve policy – regardless of the reserve levels - would seem to be a necessary part of the Board's due diligence pertaining to budgets, excess revenues and fee reductions.

The Board would also need to decide which Committee would prepare and put forward the reserve policy to the Board.

Become familiar in detail with the functioning of the UCRA Depository, and assist the Chair of the UCR Depository Subcommittee.

Status:

Several factors – the holidays, the Chair’s busy work schedule, a multi-day NARUC meeting and a 2-day trip to INDOR - have combined to prevent DSL from meeting with the Depository chair over the past couple of weeks. The next couple of weeks are not looking much better, but we remain undaunted in our pursuit.

Meanwhile, it’s important to realize that a large part of the Chair’s current time problem is in dealing with issues that a more robust Depository reporting system would preclude. At this juncture, we have very limited access to Depository information.

To that end, the Chair and DSL are also working with Indiana to complete various Depository reporting tools and functionality as soon as possible.

Develop further the existing audit programs of UCR Plan; in particular, monitor and analyze the phenomenon of motor carrier “retreat”

Status:

DSL reported last month the we are working with Iteris, Sandy and the Audit committee chair to develop and test the “2017 Audit Committee Report”.

The Audit Committee Report analyzes completed 2017 UCR registrations and identifies carriers whose IRP “registration tier” appears to be higher than the UCR registration tier for which the carrier actually paid.

While we still have considerable work to do, early results of our work suggest that the Audit Committee Report may prove to be a much more promising indicator of potential under-reporting than “retreat”.

Additionally, the Audit Committee Report uses information that is basically “hidden” from many UCR agencies and provides a fuller picture of vehicles that are “owned and operated” by a motor carrier.

We should be prepared to make a full presentation to the Board in San Diego.

Work with the states participating in UCR Plan to improve state data flow and reporting.

Status:

Data flow among the states, FMCSA and Iteris appears to be seriously flawed. DSL will continue to work with all parties to resolve individual data issues as they are presented to DSL.

The FMCSA has delayed implementation of URS, DSL will be working closely with the Indiana Department of Revenue to assist in the data exchange with FMCSA.

Design, organize, and populate a UCR Plan internet website.

Status:

DSL has been working with Iteris and Liz to define requirements for the UCR website. Iteris has indicated that they can start work on "Phase 1" of the web site in January, pending receipt of a purchase order and a plan for payment of maintenance for 2017 from the Board.

Support the work of the UCR Plan subcommittees, and provide UCR Plan with recommendations for expanded subcommittee functions

Status:

DSL has worked closely with several committees, participating via phone calls, emails, document preparation and personal visits.

Participate in discussions that will lead to a reduction in UCRA fees, as required by statute

Status:

See Business Plan / Budget narrative above.

Work with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, to ensure that entities registering with the agency receive a UCRA prompt.

Status:

Tentative Implementation by FMCSA has been delayed from September 2016 to January 2017 and now to a date to be determined.

DSL anticipates this objective will be completed in the next implementation of URS and will continue to pursue this objective until completion with FMCSA.

DSL also believes that implementation of this link or prompt will preclude much of the confusion for first-time UCR registrants over where and how to register for UCR. These carriers would be directed immediately to the appropriate UCR web site from the FMCSA registration site.

As described in Paragraph 4.2 of the current Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the UCR Pan and the Indiana Department of Revenue, DSL is designated by the Chairman of the UCR Board as the UCR Board’s key personnel for purposes of work done pursuant to the MOU.

Status:

DSL, along with the Depository chair spent two days in Indianapolis meeting with the Indiana team. Additionally, DSL participated in a conference call with the INDOR team on 12/12/16 and will continue to work closely with INDOR. As indicated earlier in the report, **the most important work to be done is finishing reports and access critical to greater Depository visibility, which will help to resolve many current Depository issues.**

Additional services may be added by the parties hereto by mutual agreement in writing

Status:

No additional services added