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Mr. Steve King
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Dear Mr. King:

The Washington Movers Conference (WMC) of the Washington Trucking Associations proposes some simple changes to WAC 480-14-480 to avoid unnecessary workload for the Commission staff and probable monetary penalties assessed against regulated intrastate household goods carriers operating within Washington State.

WAC 480-15-480, paragraph (4) states - Carriers must file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1st of each year based on the prior year's operations. The commission must receive both the annual report and the regulatory fee payment no later than May 1.

The main issue in the language contained in paragraph (4) is the last sentence. The stipulation that the annual report and the regulatory fee must be received by May 1 of each year can cause monetary penalties to be assessed if there are issues at the US Post Office handling the outgoing mail of the HHG carrier. It is common knowledge the US Postal Service is experiencing financial struggles and may not be as efficient in quickly moving the mail through their operations.

The Washington Movers Conference proposes changing paragraph (4) to read - Carriers must file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1st of each year based on the prior year's operations. The commission must receive both the annual report and the regulatory fee payment postmarked no later than May 1.

(a) The commission will assess an automatic late fee of two percent of the amount due, plus one percent interest for each month after that, for any regulatory fees not received postmarked by May 1.

(b) The commission may issue penalty assessments or cancel a carrier's permit for failure to pay regulatory fees or file annual reports.

Added: (c) Incorrect or incomplete annual reports received with the regulatory fee payment postmarked by May 1 but are returned to the carrier for correction must be returned to the commission postmarked no later than May 15 to avoid any penalty assessments or late fees.

The WMC looks forward to working with the WUTC to resolve these issues.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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