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International Registration Plan (IRP) Update

To: State Trucking and/or Motor Carrier Association Executives:

I am reaching out to provide information from the International Registration Plan (IRP), primarily addressing an upcoming change that will impact your membership.

Full Reciprocity Plan: On January 1, 2015, the new IRP Full Reciprocity Plan (FRP) goes into effect. This major change to the Plan impacts the distance reporting and registration authority for all inter-state motor carriers registered under IRP including new and expanded operations. Cab cards for both first-time registrants and renewing carriers will display all jurisdictions and the vehicle's appropriate registration weight.

This change, the most far-reaching since the IRP first went into effect, will give most interstate carriers more operational flexibility than they have had in the past. The FRP will reduce the number of permits carriers have needed to buy and fees they have paid for added states. IRP registrants renewing for an effective date of January 1, 2015 and beyond will be registered under FRP as will any new registrants registering for the first time on January 1, 2015 or after. For example, a carrier whose current registrations expire on March 31, 2015, they will renew under FRP effective April 1, 2015.

For many years the reporting of estimated distance for first time registrants and expanded operations has been a challenge in IRP. Many options have been explored over the years to address this matter and with the passing of the FRP Ballot, the membership has approved the concept of "Full Reciprocity" to simplify the process. The FRP changes how distance and registration fees for first-time registrants are determined and it also eliminates the estimating of distance for expanded operations of existing carriers.

First-time registrants will pay fees based on the base jurisdiction's average per vehicle distance chart. Renewing carriers will pay fees based solely on their actual operations during the distance reporting period.

This change will ultimately benefit your membership, as it eliminates the requirement for existing carriers to pay fees over 100% when adding jurisdictions during the registration period or expanding their operations into jurisdictions where they had no actual operations during the distance reporting period.

To learn more about FRP and how it impacts your membership, information including a questions and answers document, is available on the IRP website at http://www.irponline.org/?page=FullReciprocity. Please consider providing this link to your membership so they are informed about changes.

Partnering with IRP: There are many other programs and initiatives of interest in the IRP community. IRP, Inc. is interested in continuing and building on our partnership with industry. By partnering with and providing information to organizations like yours, together we can improve commercial motor vehicle registration processes, compliance, and, ultimately, highway safety. To learn more about IRP, visit our website at <u>www.irponline.org</u>. The website contains a lot of information about IRP and other motor carrier related programs and initiatives. Additionally, the website provides resources for carriers to find jurisdictional specific requirements, IRP registration fees data and information on many other topics.

I welcome the opportunity to talk with you about IRP and how we may be able to partner to provide more information to your membership. I can be reached at (502) 845-0398 or <u>tadams@irpinc.org</u>. Please let me know if you have any questions or desire additional information on FRP or any other IRP motor carrier services topics.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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