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Court Denies Motion to Invalidate HOS Interim Rule

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a terse order today denying Public Citizen's request to invalidate the recently issued hours-of-service (HOS) Interim Final Rule (IFR). Public Citizen claimed that the Court's prior decisions in the case effectively prohibited the agency from issuing an IFR that included an 11-hour daily driving time limit and a 34-hour restart provision. ATA, the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA), and shipper interests all filed briefs opposing the Public Citizen motion. Those filings highlighted the need for retention of the 11 and 34-hour provisions in an IFR to avoid significant disruptions to the industry and to law enforcement and the significant safety gains achieved under the current HOS rules. The decision means that the 11 and 34-hour provisions will remain in place pending further FMCSA consideration of a final HOS rule. The Court did expressly note that its denial of the motion did not preclude Public Citizen from challenging the IFR in a separate legal proceeding.

Register for Margins Tax Seminar

There are nine remaining Margins Tax seminars with featured speaker Karey Barton, senior manager with Ryan, which are sponsored by Mondics Insurance. Seminars are: Corpus Christi - Feb. 5; Tyler - Feb. 7; Lubbock - Feb. 12; Amarillo - Feb. 13; Midland/Odessa - March 11; San Antonio - March 13; El Paso - March 20; Laredo - March 27; McAllen - April 8. Space is limited, register now at www.tmta.com.

Military Table of Weights & Depreciation

SMA staff has had several requests for a chart or table of weights considered standard for individual pieces of household goods. This is a recognized table for assessing the 60 cents per pound, per item, valuation charge. We have ordered that chart, have it in-house and can mail it promptly upon receiving a request. It will be \$20, plus postage and Texas sales tax. Members may email dorothy@tmta.com or ida@tmta.com to order one and be invoiced.

Congratulations are in Order!

Corpus Christi Transfer is celebrating 110 years of being in the business of moving. Congratulations Terry Arnold.

R & L Transfer and Storage Co., Inc., Austin, TX has just won the bid to move a significant historical monument out of the way of TxDOT's expansion of Hwy 59 near Lufkin. The new display area will be Louis Bronaugh Park across from Lufkin City Hall and right next to the Mayor's office. Congratulations Roy Lee.

Lone Star Relocation Systems, Ltd., San Antonio, TX, is the latest member of SMA to join the ranks of the Pinnacle Movers. Lone Star's becoming a Pinnacle Mover brings the number of active Pinnacle Movers to twenty-five. Our congratulations to Clint Adams and Dave Stauty.

SMA Spring Board and Committee Meetings

The registration form for the SMA Winter/Spring Board and Committee meetings scheduled for February 21-22 here in Austin went out to all members last week. Cut-off date for the group rate at the Sheraton Hotel across the street from SMA headquarters is February 5, 2008. These committees are scheduled to meet: Executive, Membership, Government Affairs, Pinnacle Movers, Public Relations, Rates and Rules and SMA Foundation. The registration form is posted on the SMA web site or call 800/759-2305 and staff will fax or email a registration form to you.

Move U – Mover Training Certification Classes

So that members will have an opportunity to train their new hires, and new movers can get some training as well before moving season starts, SMA and Move U are offering the following classes.

Day one - Basic moving safety and equipment class - \$150

Day two – Loader Training Class - \$195, or, sign up for

Both Moving and Loader on consecutive days: \$295.

A registration form is posted on the SMA Web site www.mytexasmover.com. Class Dates: February 26-27; March 19-20; and April 23-24. A registration form also accompanies this MoveFax.

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