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This correspondence is in reference to the above rulemaking regarding Household Goods in use Carriers and Property Carriers. My request is easy, please review, or have staff review the PUC document, so you may relate to my concerns.

I do agree with some of the changes in the proposal. However, I strongly disagree with the mover not having a physical location within the state of Pennsylvania. As we all know, Pennsylvania has some serious budget issues. Why does the commission not relate to the extra revenue that will be brought into the state by a moving company building and or renting an office space and or a warehouse? With a moving company being domiciled in Pennsylvania, it will also make it easier for PUC enforcement of that household good carrier. Without having a domiciled location in Pennsylvania, What about all of the movers that will come in from the neighboring states of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and New York? Is this fair to the Pennsylvania movers when these out of state companies are taking their revenue back to their home state?

Speaking of enforcement, for years, this state has been plagued with rouge or non PAPUC licensed operators. Please refer to page 12 of the commission comments, where they agree with the commentators, why not make it part of the final rule making order, rather than be vigilant. The Public Utility commission has put in a less than spirited effort to stop these unlicensed rouge operators. I firmly believe that the PaPUC thinks that these rogue operators will apply for licenses. The PUC is dead wrong!!! Why would someone who is beating the system already, want to pay workman's compensation or pay \$750,000 of liability insurance, have a payroll when they can pay the workers in cash, no background checks, no EIN number, use rental trucks with no company markings. If you want to see proof, go to Craigslist, Angieslist or just Google movers and see how many rogue movers without PAPUC or USDOT numbers show up. If you would like a real education on rogue operators please go to the following web site movingscam.com. Could you imagine how much revenue this state would bring, by laws that have some teeth, by fining and arresting these Rogue operators.....again, a missed opportunity by our state for additional revenue?

It appears the commission really doesn't care about the owner's authority value. When an owner goes to sell his business, his rights are also part of the selling price. In most movers cases, thru the years, they have bought out moving companies so the new purchaser may operate in that area. Some owners have paid six figures to get a "territory". A household goods license is a very valuable asset to a business I would rank the authority as the third largest asset only behind the organizations Building or property (if owned) and their fleet of trucks. Will the owners of their respective moving company be issued a tax advantage to offset the loss of their authority value?

Another issue that has not been addressed is how are the tariffs going to change? Are they going to change at all?

I am President of a 99 year old moving and storage company, located in Bethlehem. We are not affiliated with any major van lines for interstate hauling. Ninety Seven percent (97%) of my business revenue is from moves with in the state of Pennsylvania. As you review my previous comments, please consider the last six years, where the poor home sales and the ROGUE operators stealing our business has economically impacted the Moving & Storage Industry.

Talk about a level playing field!!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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