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SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION
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IN RE: A-2013-2398393 1-800-PACK-RAT, LLC(6400 GOLDSBORO ROAD, SUITE 300, BETHESDA, MD 20817) FOR THE RIGHT TO BEGIN TO TRANSPORT, AS A COMMON CARRIER, BY MOTOR VEHICLE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN USE, BETWEEN POINTS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

TO THE COMMISSION:

I BELIEVED IN 2009, AS I DO TODAY, THAT THE COMMISSION LIKELY ERRED WHEN IT REDEFINED THE TERM HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN USE CARRIER (Docket No. L-2008-2038549). FOOTNOTE #1 IN THAT FINAL RULEMAKING ORDER NOTES THAT 'PODS ALSO GIVES THE CUSTOMER AN OPTION TO ARRANGE FOR A TEAM OF "EXPERT PACKERS" TO PACK BOXES AS WELL AS LOAD AND UNLOAD THE UNIT.' I HAVE WONDERED IF THE COMMISSION HOLDS THOSE EXPERTS TO THE SAME STANDARDS REQUIRED OF US 'CONVENTIONAL' MOVING COMPANIES. DO THOSE EXPERTS PASS BACKGROUND CHECKS, FOR EXAMPLE? I AM TOLD THAT PODS CIRCUMVENTS THAT OBSTACLE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT PROVIDE THE CUSTOMER WITH ITS EMPLOYEES, BUT RATHER PUTS THE CUSTOMER IN CONTACT WITH OTHER PARTIES WHO SUPPLY THE EXPERTS. STILL, PODS FACILITATES THE PLACEMENT OF PERSONS IN THE CUSTOMERS' PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

NOW, PACK-RAT LLC, FROM AN OUT-OF-STATE LOCATION, SEEKS TRADITIONAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS AUTHORITY STATEWIDE. I URGE THE COMMISSION TO DENY THIS APPLICATION FORTHWITH. IT HAS NO MERIT AND WORSE YET IS GROSSLY UNFAIR TO THE ESTABLISHED MOVERS IN PENNSYLVANIA WHO HAVE BEEN PROVIDING SERVICE FOR MANY YEARS. NONE OF US HAVE STATEWIDE AUTHORITY AND UNTIL WE DO NEITHER SHOULD PACK-RAT LLC.

RESPECTFULLY,



ROBERT A SHIVELY, PRESIDENT
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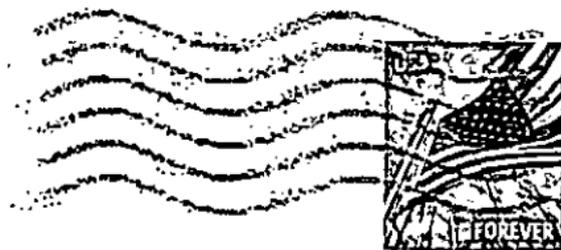
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