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**RE: Data Requested in 10 Day Letter for Application of Laurie A Hinojosa, t/a C & M Transport**

To Whom It May Concern:

I have received your letter requesting additional data that you have found is missing from my application. You will find my responses to your inquiries below.

1.) You failed to adequately answer all aspects of question #5 of the Verified Statement of Applicant. **Please review Title 52 Pa Code §29.501-509 Driver Regulations to see what is required of motor carriers.**

a. Your system for conducting criminal background checks; **(Title 52 Pa Code §29.505 - Criminal History)**

i. How often will you conduct criminal background checks? In your previous response you stated that "an initial background check would be completed no later than 60-90 days of initial hire. After this background checks will be completed on an as needed basis. This does not comply with the regulations found at Title 52 Pa Code §29.505(a)(l) & (2). Please provide plans/policies that fully comply with the aforementioned regulations.

**In accordance with Title 52 Pa. Code § 29.505(a)(1) and (2), the company will conduct criminal background checks on all drivers prior to permitting any driver to operate a vehicle under the company's authority.**

**The company's criminal background check policy is as follows:**

**1. Initial Criminal Background Checks**

**Prior to allowing a driver to provide passenger transportation service, the company will obtain and review a criminal history record from the Pennsylvania**

**State Police (PSP) and from every other state in which the applicant resided during the previous 12 months, as required by 52 Pa. Code § 29.505(a)(1).**

**No driver will be permitted to operate a vehicle in authorized service until all required criminal history records have been received and reviewed by the company.**

**2. Recurring Criminal Background Checks**

**Following completion of the initial criminal history review, the company will obtain and review updated Pennsylvania State Police criminal history checks for each driver every two (2) years from the date of the previous criminal history check, in full compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 29.505(a)(2).**

**The company will maintain a tracking and monitoring system to ensure that all required recurring criminal history checks are completed on time and without lapse.**

**3. Driver Disqualification Standards**

**In accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 29.505(a)(3), the company will not permit any individual to operate a vehicle under the company's authority if the individual has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense that adversely relates to the person's suitability to provide transportation service safely and legally.**

**4. Record Retention and Security**

**In accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 29.505(a)(4), copies of all criminal history records will be securely maintained by the company for a minimum period of three (3) years.**

**All criminal background check records will be stored in secured driver qualification files maintained in a locked and secure location with access limited to authorized personnel only.**

**5. Compliance Oversight**

**The company owner and/or designated management personnel will be responsible for ensuring ongoing compliance with all criminal background check requirements established under Title 52 Pa. Code Chapter 29 and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulations.**

b. Please provide your driver training program.

i. In your previous response to the Commission, you did not provide sufficient information on your driver training program.

1. Will there be any on the road testing or defensive driver training courses taken by your drivers?

The Applicant's driver training program will include both on-the-road evaluation and defensive driving instruction to ensure that all drivers are capable of operating vehicles safely, responsibly, and in compliance with all applicable Pennsylvania laws and regulations.

Prior to operating under the company's authority, each driver will complete the following training and evaluation requirements:

**1. On-the-Road Driver Evaluation**

Each driver will participate in a supervised on-the-road driving evaluation conducted by the company owner and/or designated qualified personnel. The evaluation will assess the driver's ability to safely operate the vehicle, obey traffic laws, demonstrate proper defensive driving techniques, safely transport passengers, and respond appropriately to normal roadway conditions.

The road evaluation will include, at a minimum:

- Safe vehicle operation
- Proper use of mirrors and signals
- Backing and parking procedures
- Passenger loading and unloading procedures
- Compliance with speed limits and traffic control devices
- Observation awareness and hazard recognition
- General defensive driving practices

Drivers who do not demonstrate safe and competent vehicle operation will not be permitted to provide transportation services until deficiencies are corrected and the driver successfully completes a subsequent evaluation.

**2. Defensive Driving Training**

All drivers will be required to complete defensive driving training through the DriveSafe Online defensive driving program, or an equivalent approved defensive driving course, as part of the company's driver qualification and safety program.

The training will include instruction in:

- Defensive driving techniques
- Accident prevention and hazard awareness

- **Distracted driving prevention**
- **Safe vehicle operation**
- **Adverse weather driving**
- **Passenger safety procedures**
- **Compliance with Pennsylvania motor vehicle laws and regulations**

**Proof of successful completion of the defensive driving course will be maintained in each driver's qualification file.**

**3. Ongoing Driver Oversight and Refresher Training**

**Drivers will be subject to ongoing monitoring of driving performance, traffic violations, accidents, and safety concerns. Additional training, corrective instruction, defensive driving refresher courses, or re-evaluation may be required whenever deemed necessary by the company.**

**The company is committed to maintaining a safe transportation operation and ensuring that all drivers remain qualified to safely transport passengers under the company's authority.**

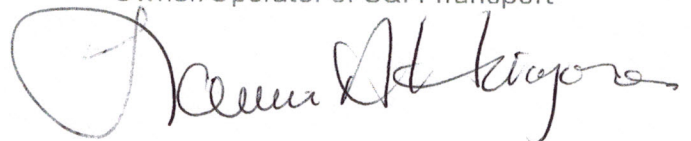
I, Laurie A. Hinojosa hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Thank you so much for your time in reviewing my responses to your inquiries. If there are any more answers or data that I can provide you with in relation to my application, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Hinojosa

Owner/Operator of C&M Transport

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie A. Hinojosa", written in a cursive style.