



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
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Matteson, IL 60443

January 19, 2012

PI & I MOTOR EXPRESS INC  
908 BROADWAY AVENUE EXT  
MASURY, OH 44438

RE: Request for Change in Safety Rating under 49 CFR section 385.17

Dear P I & I Motor Express Inc:

A compliance review conducted at P I & I Motor Express Inc on April 21, 2011, resulted in a safety fitness rating of Conditional. On or about August 1, 2011, P I & I Motor Express Inc submitted a request to upgrade its safety rating based on corrective actions that it has taken to come into compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and/or Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs).

In the compliance review completed on April 21, 2011, P I & I Motor Express Inc was cited for a critical violation of the FMCSRS, specifically in Part 395.

Your request for an upgrade and the Safety Management Plan (SMP) you submitted did not include sufficient evidence to justify an upgrade to P I & I Motor Express Inc's safety rating. As required by 49 CFR Section 385.17(c) the carrier must submit a written description of corrective actions taken and other documentation that may be relied upon as a basis for the requested change to the rating.

After reviewing your request, the SMP, and the evidence submitted, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is **denying** your request. Your Safety Measurement System (SMS) BASIC scores are above established thresholds in 4 different BASIC categories and because of that, it appears P I & I Motor Express Inc's current operation does not meet the safety fitness standard specified in 49 CFR section 385.5.

To change a safety rating this office has to be assured that corrective action has been taken and that your current operations meet the safety fitness standard specified in 49 CFR section 385.5. You may submit another request for a change to the Conditional safety rating and SMP for reconsideration. If you believe the FMCSA has committed an error in its decision to deny your request, you may petition for an administrative review pursuant to 49 CFR section 385.15 (see 49 CFR section 385.17(j)) within 90 days of this denial. If you choose to petition under 49 CFR section 385.15, your petition must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Administrator, Chief Safety Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, W60-312, Washington, D.C. 20590.

If P I & I Motor Express Inc chooses to submit another request for an upgrade from the Conditional safety rating, in addition to the guidance already provided, you must include the following in your next SMP:

1. As of December 16, 2011, your SMS Fatigued Driving (HOS) BASIC score was **72.6%**, your Vehicle Maintenance BASIC score was **86.5%**, your Cargo Related BASIC score was [REDACTED] and your Crash BASIC score was [REDACTED]. All 4 of these BASICS must improve to below established thresholds and then be maintained for at least a 90 day period before a rating upgrade is warranted.

Please continue your efforts to improve your compliance with the FMCSRs and/or HMRs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Enforcement team at (708)283-3555.

Sincerely,



Darin G. Jones  
Field Administrator

Cc: Linda Gilliam, DA Ohio