

**66-1,114b. Public motor carrier of property other than household goods or passengers; certificate of public service; procedure to obtain; basis for issuance.** (a) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any public motor carrier to operate as a carrier of property other than household goods or as a carrier of passengers in intrastate commerce within this state without first having obtained from the commission a certificate of public service to transport property other than household goods or to transport passengers.

(b) The commission, upon the filing of an application for a certificate of public service, shall ascertain that the motor carrier is fit, knowledgeable and in compliance with the commission's safety rules and regulations, liability and cargo insurance requirements and other applicable state laws. Once a motor carrier submits a complete application demonstrating that the motor carrier is fit, knowledgeable and in compliance with the commission's safety rules and regulations, liability and cargo insurance requirements and other applicable state laws, the commission may issue that motor carrier a 30-day interim certificate of public service, signed and approved by the commission's executive director. A list of applications received shall be published electronically on the commission's web site, and shall state whether an interim certificate has been granted to the applicant. Any person who opposes the grant of a certificate of public service to a motor carrier applicant shall have 30 days from the commission's grant of an interim certificate to file a written protest with the commission. If no protest against a motor carrier applicant is filed before the expiration of the 30-day interim certificate, the commission may issue the motor carrier applicant a permanent certificate, signed and approved by the commission's executive director. If the commission finds that an applicant is not fit, knowledgeable, or in compliance with the commission's safety rules and regulations, liability and cargo insurance requirements and other applicable state laws, an order shall be issued denying the application. If the commission deems it necessary, a hearing may be held on any application, and any commission decision on such application shall be issued by order.

(c) Motor carriers holding a certificate of convenience and necessity to transport property other than household goods shall be considered as holding a certificate of public service to transport that property originally granted by the commission as a public motor carrier of property. Pursuant to federal law those motor carriers may transport that property originally granted by the commission statewide.

(d) Within 18 months of the issuance to a public motor carrier of a certificate of public service to transport property other than household goods or passengers, the commission shall verify that such public motor carrier continues to be fit, knowledgeable and in compliance with the commission's safety rules and regulations, liability and cargo insurance requirements and other applicable state laws.

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