



The Commission having thereafter considered the matter and thereupon accepted the executed Consent Agreement and placed such Consent Agreement on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days for the receipt and consideration of public comments, now in further conformity with the procedure described in Commission Rule 3.25(f), 16 C.F.R. § 3.25(f), the



### III.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall, within 120 days after service upon it of this Order:

1. Cancel all tariffs and any supplements thereto on file with the Mississippi Public Service Commission that establish rates for transportation of property or related services, goods or equipment by common carriers in the State of Mississippi and take such action as may be necessary to effectuate cancellation and withdrawal;
2. Terminate all previously executed powers of attorney and rate and tariff service agreements, between it and any carrier utilizing its services, authorizing the publication and/or filing of intrastate collective rates within the State of Mississippi;
3. Cancel those provisions of its articles of incorporation, by-laws and procedures and every other rule, opinion, resolution, contract or statement of policy that has the purpose or effect of permitting, announcing, stating, explaining or agreeing to any business practice enjoined by the terms of this Order; and
4. Amend its by-laws to require members of MCM to observe the provisions of the Order as a condition of membership in MCM.

### IV.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, within fifteen (15) days after service upon it of this Order, Respondent shall mail or deliver a copy of this Order, under cover of the letter attached hereto as "Appendix," to each current member of Respondent engaged in the transportation of household goods, and for a period of three (3) years from the date of service of this Order, to each new member engaged in the transportation of household goods within ten (10) days of each such member's acceptance by Respondent.

### V.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent notify the Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to any proposed change in Respondent, such as dissolution, assignment or sale resulting in the emergence of a successor corporation, or any other proposed change in the corporation which may affect compliance obligations arising out of the Order.

**VI.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall file a written report within six (6) months of the date of service of this Order, and annually on the anniversary date of the original report for each of the five (5) years thereafter, and at such other times as the Commission may require by written notice to Respondent, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which it has complied with this Order.

**VII.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order shall terminate on December 4, 2023.

By the Commission, Commissioner Harbour not participating.

Donald S. Clark  
Secretary

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ISSUED: December 4, 2003

## APPENDIX

(Letterhead of the Movers Conference of Mississippi, Inc.)

Dear Member:

The Federal Trade Commission has ordered the Movers Conference of Mississippi, Inc. ("MCM") to cease and desist its tariff and collective rate-making activities. A copy of the Commission Decision and Order is enclosed.

In order that you may readily understand the terms of the Order, we have set forth its essential provisions, although you must realize that the Order itself is controlling, rather than the following explanation of its provisions:

(1) The MCM is prohibited from engaging in any collective rate-making activities, including the proposal, development or filing of tariffs which contain any collectively formulated rates for intrastate transportation services. Each member carrier must independently set its own rates for transportation of property or related services, goods or equipment between points within the State of Mississippi, but may use MCM as a tariff publishing agent.

(2) MCM is prohibited from providing a forum for its members for the purpose of discussing rates.

(3) MCM is prohibited from urging, suggesting, encouraging or in any way attempting to influence the rates members charge for their intrastate transportation services; MCM may not provide non-public information to any carrier about rate changes ordered by another carrier.

(4) MCM is prohibited from maintaining any rate or tariff committee which discusses or formulates intrastate rates or rate proposals.

(5) MCM is given 120 days to cancel all tariffs and tariff supplements currently in effect and on file at the Mississippi Public Service Commission which were prepared, developed or filed by MCM.

(6) MCM is required to amend its by-laws to require its members to observe the provisions of the Order as a condition of membership in MCM.

Sincerely yours,

[appropriate MCM officer]