

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 03A-186CY

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ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION FOR PROPERTY CARRIERS BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING UNPROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE TO MARKET OR TO PLACES OF STORAGE UNDER § 40-16-110(5)(a), C.R.S.

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**DECISION AUTHORIZING  
TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES FOR  
THE SEASONAL MOVEMENT OF CROPS**

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Mailed Date: May 21, 2003  
Adopted Date: May 16, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings and Conclusion:**

1. The Staff of the Transportation Section of the Commission received a letter from Timothy J. Larsen, Senior Marketing Specialist for the Department of Agriculture, on May 7, 2003. In this letter Mr. Larsen states “Each year we face the challenge of bringing the Colorado agricultural harvest from the field. We would like to request the Colorado PUC issue temporary certificates for the seasonal movement of crops to help our industry handle this annual harvest. There is a shortage of authorized motor vehicles available during each harvest to insure the timely movement of crops from field to store or transportation locations.”

2. The Commission may, under § 40-16-110(5)(a), C.R.S., “authorize the Colorado motor carrier services division in the department of revenue to issue temporary registrations to property carriers by motor vehicles for the seasonal operation of motor vehicles for the purpose of transporting unprocessed agricultural produce to markets or to places of storage. The duration of such temporary certificates shall be ninety consecutive days.”

3. The Commission finds that during the upcoming harvest season the number of authorized motor vehicles available may not be sufficient to transport farm commodities from fields and farms to railroad loading points, warehouses or other places of storage, or to markets. Therefore, the Commission authorizes the Colorado motor carrier services division in the department of revenue to issue temporary registrations to property carriers by motor vehicles for the seasonal operation of motor vehicles for the purpose of transporting unprocessed agricultural produce to markets or to places of storage for up to ninety consecutive days, as provided by § 40-16-110(5)(a), C.R.S.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. Temporary certificates are authorized for the seasonal operation of motor vehicles for the purpose of transporting unprocessed agricultural produce from fields or farms located within the various counties in the State of Colorado to railroad loading points, warehouses, or other places of storage, or to markets for the commodities within the areas and during the time frames as fully described in the attached Appendix.

2. Authorization under the temporary certificates shall be effective from the date of issuance by authorized personnel of the Colorado Ports of Entry or Colorado State Patrol to the expiration date listed in the attached Appendix.

3. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
May 16, 2003.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Bruce N. Smith  
Director

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Bruce N. Smith, Director of The Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, certify that I served a true and correct copy of the above Commission Decision -- entered in the above numbered matter of record -- upon each of the persons whose names and addresses appear below, by mailing the same in sealed envelopes properly addressed, with sufficient postage prepaid to carry the same to its destination on the date noted on this certificate at Denver, Colorado.

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