



American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

Confidential Memorandum

TO: Chief Administrators
Board of Directors

FROM: Neil D. Schuster

DATE: October 20, 2007

RE: NDR – Next Steps

Dear Administrators:

Thank you and your staff for participating in our teleconference with NDR representatives on Friday afternoon. We will distribute minutes as soon as they are completed. As discussed on the call, we will meet again by teleconference as follows:

Wednesday, October 24
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT
Dial in 1.877.358.8255
Code 3717192#

We plan to record the teleconference so that jurisdictions not on the call will have an opportunity to hear the dialogue. We will follow the same roll call procedure as we did on Friday.

While we determine the impact of NDR system updates after this weekend, I think it is important that we formulate our strategy – a series of next steps – if the NDR problem is not resolved. We realize a continuation of the outages you experienced this week is not acceptable going forward. This is particularly true with the end of the month fast approaching, which translates into higher transaction volume for a number of jurisdictions.



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Our near-term suggestions are:

- Provide revised estimates to NDR of expected future traffic on the system. Updating our previous estimates will ensure that the NDR team approaches the situation with full knowledge about expected future traffic levels. **Jurisdictions are requested to provide any updated estimates to AAMVA by Friday, October 26.**
- Communicate with NHTSA and FMCSA leadership about potential solutions, including a legislative option, if necessary, and enlist agency support of any efforts in this area. **Staff is ready to act when jurisdictions agree this is appropriate.**
- Invite senior NHTSA, FMCSA, and/or DOT officials (including those responsible for MCSIA compliance and those with decision-making authority regarding enforcement) to join the Wednesday teleconference. **Staff will pursue if the NDR system problems continue after this weekend.**
- Develop messages for potential legislative solutions, whether in the area of increased funding or administrative and legislative latitude in enforcing MCSIA compliance. **Staff is ready to act when jurisdictions agree this is appropriate.**

The window to obtain funding in the FY08 appropriations cycle is a small one. The House and Senate both passed FY08 appropriations, and if want to bring this issue into that discussion, we will need to act quickly.

We also may be able to request a question be asked during several upcoming hearings, including:

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House Budget Committee

Full Committee hearing on the surface transportation budget.

October 25, 2007

Schedule to testify:

Mary Peters, Secretary of Transportation

Robert Sunshine, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office

Janet Kavinoky, Director of Transportation, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Robert Puentes, Fellow, Brookings Institution

House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

Testing Commercial Drivers

- Reach out to NCSL and NGA to develop a common voice in seeking legislative solutions.
Staff is ready to act when jurisdictions agree this is appropriate.

As a reminder, jurisdictions are asked not to transmit transactions over the AAMVAnet network in batch mode during the regular hours of operation (between 7 am EDT and 9 pm EDT). Please contact AAMVA's Operations Help Desk at 1-888-AAMVA80 (option 3) to reschedule your batch activities after hours.

These actions, coupled with NDR's system improvements scheduled this Sunday may provide the solution we need. However, in the event NDR is not successful in solving the problem, we need to be positioned and ready to engage in the activities outlined above and other appropriate options.

I look forward to speaking with you on October 24, and in the interim, I welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can best advocate your interests and explore all avenues open to us.

PS – While I introduced AAMVA staff who were sitting around our conference room table during the call last week, I neglected to mention that additional staff were participating from another conference room, and our Regional Vice Presidents also were on the call.