

## **Estimated IRP Miles Fee Calculation Changed in Mo.**

### *MCS Urges Scope of Operation Form Use*

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services was audited by the International Registration Plan recently. The major finding of the study affects all multiple-unit carriers who wish to estimate miles when they start or renew an account using estimates or add states to a cab card.

Missouri had calculated the fee based on the estimated miles for each unit individually. The auditors informed MCS that is not correct. When estimated miles are used, fees are to be multiplied by the number of units in the entire fleet. That increases the bottom line significantly, especially in higher fee states.

To keep your IRP bill as low as possible, MCS recommends that carriers file a Scope of Operation report that describes the route, the number of trucks and the number of trips expected in the following year. What is the quickest way to do this? Current IRP customers can access MoDOT Carrier Express and find a checkbox that will open a Scope of Operation page on the IRP mileage screen. Fill it out and submit online for the fastest service.

Carriers who don't use MoDOT Carrier Express or who apply for a new account can find a fillable form on the MCS website, [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs), on the IRP program page. It can be printed and faxed or mailed; or it can be saved electronically and e-mailed to [contactMCS@modot.mo.gov](mailto:contactMCS@modot.mo.gov).

MCS will review the Scope of Operation information, and if the miles are considered reasonable, will figure the fees based on the route miles multiplied by the number of trucks and trips.

Depending on the details, a Scope of Operations form can take as few as five minutes. It could save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars.

### **Let's look at an example.**

Bags O' Cash Trucking is adding the State of Bliss to its cab card. The estimated miles chart for Bliss lists 2,000 miles.

BOC estimates they'll make ten, 100 round-trip miles. BOC has 10 trucks. Only five trucks will make trips into Bliss.

**USING A SCOPE OF OPERATION**, and the facts above, IRP calculates:  
10 trips X 100 miles X 5 trucks = **5,000 miles**

**USING THE ESTIMATED MILES CHART** and the facts above, IRP calculates:  
2,000 miles X 10 trucks = **20,000 estimated miles**.

**BOTH** approaches are acceptable; however, if the company spent a few minutes to fill out a Scope of Operations, BOC Trucking could pay for 15,000 fewer miles to add the State of Bliss to its cab card.