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General Comment

Form OCE-46 fulfills an important need and by no means should be revoked. Affiliated motor carriers in order to effect corporate simplification may want to relinguish the operating authority of one of the motor carriers. The motor carrier can do so quickly and inexpensively by submiting Form OCE-46 to FMCSA, retaining a copy for its files. If there were no Form OCE-46, the motor carrier, of course, could cease paying the premium for its bodily injury and property damage insurance, whereupoon FMCSA eventually would suspend or revoke the motor carrier's authority to operate. That carries with it an undesireable connotation, suggesting that the company lacked sufficient funds to pay the insurance policy premiums. On the FMCSA's web page, the motor carrier would be shown as being inactive, whereas the motor carrier should be shown as having chosen to cease engaging in the for-hire transportatin business. Fifteen minutes to complete Form OCE-46 is not such a burden tht its revocation would have any real significance under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995.

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Among his current clients are Natchez Railway, Potlatch Corporation, State of Illinois Department of Transportation, SMS Rail Services, Inc., V&S Railway. and BK Trucking Company.

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Mr. Kahn entered private practice after serving six years as the General Counsel of the Interstate Commerce Commission, predecessor of the Surface Transportation Board. In that capacity, among other things he argued two cases before the Supreme Court, Northern Lines Merger Cases, 396 U.S. 491 (1970), and Port of Portland v. United States, 408 U.S. 811 (1972).

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