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State of New Hampshire
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Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing to inform you that as of November 1, 2013, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will not be participating in the New England Transportation Consortium Permits (NETC). The NETC agreement is no longer a functioning agreement due to the changes in regulations, and the construction road closures along the participating states. The limited authorized routes listed within the NETC restrict our Permit Office from rerouting the customer's travel.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' law enforcement is requesting that for public's safety purposes, that any permitted vehicles be prohibited from traveling during rush hours. The non-issuance of the Consortium Permits eliminates the rush hour travel safety concern creating a safer passage for the traveling public.

This program at the time of the implementation was beneficial. However, due to the changes in technology, along with the availability of the internet the turnaround time for the customers is much faster. You are probably aware of the recent incident involving a Consortium Permit. A vehicle transporting a modular home in New Hampshire had a tire break free from the trailer. This resulted in the fatality of another driver during rush hour traffic.

We ask at this time that as of November 1, 2013, your state refrain from issuing Consortium Permits for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our Accounting Department will prepare your final permit fee payment shortly after the 1st of November; we request that you forward your final payments to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 5540, Boston, MA 02116 to the attention of Elizabeth Pellegrini.

The Commonwealth thanks you for your help over the years with this program.

Sincerely,

Frank DePaola, P.E.
MassDOT – Highway Administrator

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