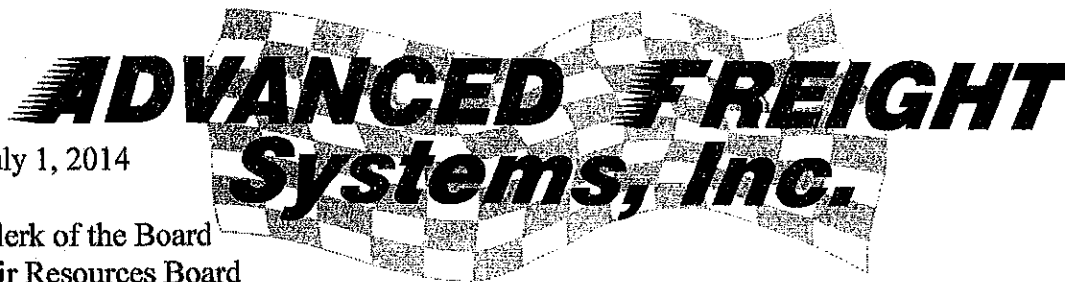


July 1, 2014

Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 I. Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Ref: Comments on proposed amendments dated July 1, 2014

Dear Clerk of the Board,

First and foremost I would like to extend my gesture of gratitude to the entire CARB organization for really listening to the public and allowing us to express our concerns and worries as we diligently try to reach our compliance goals. Your board has been very considerate and attentive of those who have had issues and concerns and you are making changes and amendments to best help those who are truly trying to comply. I would like to comment on the Economic Hardship amendment that could really help us in achieving our financial goal to complete our compliance.

Before the Truck and Bus Regulation went into affect, we were a fleet of 5-6 trucks that were 1993 and older. Since 2011, we have been diligently working towards compliance and slowly adding newer and more efficient equipment along the way without financial assistance of public funds. But unfortunately, the economic timing of the amendment was not in our favor, but still we pressed on as best as we could and we are ALMOST there. We have even gone to the extent of signing personal guarantees on equipment to be approved for some of these loans. Its been difficult for us because of the age of the vehicles that we were trying to get up to compliance, some were just not acceptable to retrofit so new trucks had to be purchased.

Our simple request today is that we are asking the Board to please consider favorable options for small companies of 6 and under like ours of when making the amendments and provisions for the Economic hardship extension. We understand the importance of the regulation and our responsibility to comply and we truly want to do our part to ensure good air quality. We only ask that you allow a company like ours a bit more time to complete our compliance without forcing us to take on un-favorable and un-affordable loans. We are financially extended out right now with a high debt ratio, which in turn creates a lower profit margin and makes it difficult for us to pay for the equipment we have already purchased in attempt to be compliant. Heavy credit debt is a very scary place for a company as small as ours. All we can ask is that you please consider us when you are making the changes and amendments to the Economic Hardship Extension.

Thank you for your consideration.

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