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May 13, 2009

Mr. R.J. Hicks 14632 Beeler St. Brighton, CO 80602

RE: Request for Investigation of Intermountain Rigging & Heavy Haul

Dear Mr. Hicks:

CLEAR OF RELIGIOUS PROJECT FOR

I am an Assistant Attorney General in the Transportation Unit. Teresa Lawser at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) forwarded the letter you faxed to her on May 5, 2009 and asked that I respond.

CDOT understands that your client Rocky Mountain Crane Owners Association has requested that CDOT conduct an investigation into a move performed by Intermountain Rigging & Heavy Haul who you and your client allege underestimated the gross weight of its load to save costs and time. While CDOT appreciates your client's concerns, CDOT has no authority or resources to investigate these allegations. Per the terms of a Special Transport Permit issued by CDOT, a permittee agrees that all dimensions and/or weights shown are correct. Moreover, other entities in Colorado – the Colorado State Patrol and Port of Entry Weigh Stations - have enforcement responsibilities for oversized and overweight vehicles traveling in Colorado.

As an aside, CDOT is unclear how underestimating its load would have saved Intermountain time and money with regard to the permit. Permits for loads over 200,000 pounds all cost the same - \$125. Also, the amount of time it takes CDOT bridge engineers to analyze these large loads is nearly the same regardless if the load is 450,000 pounds or 950,000 pounds.

Because CDOT has no authority to conduct the requested investigation, CDOT considers this matter closed. However, please contact Ms. Lawser if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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