MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF BUDD
VAN LINES, INC.
24 Schoolhouse Road
Somerset, NJ 08873

RECOMMENDATION

THIS CAUSE came before the Hearing Officer, Melinda Lott, Director of Permits and Motor Carrier Division, Mississippi Department of Transportation, for a hearing on the 2nd day of June, 2026, in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Department of Transportation's Central Laboratory Building, 412 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, Mississippi 39216, to determine whether she should recommend that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a Common Carrier of Property or Passengers be granted to the applicant, Budd Van Lines, Inc. ("Budd Van Lines"), by the Mississippi Transportation Commission pursuant to the authority of Section 27-19-95 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

The hearing was held pursuant to Section 77-7-291, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and pursuant to any and all other applicable Mississippi laws and regulations.

The Hearing Officer has jurisdiction over the party and the subject matter.

The applicant, Budd Van Lines, Inc., attended the hearing via Microsoft Teams and was present by and through Ms. Carolina George.

Mr. Keith Hopper of Armstrong Relocation in Madison, Mississippi and Mr. Gary Gallott, Jr. of Bay Forwarding, Inc. in Gulfport, Mississippi both filed letters in protest to Budd Van Lines' application. Mr. Keith Hopper appeared as an interested party to object to said application.

Hearing Officer Melinda Lott was represented by Amy F. Tisdale, Staff Attorney, Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Based on the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, both for and against the application, the Hearing Officer makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Hearing Officer finds that:

1. All interested parties were properly notified of the time and place of the hearing in accordance with the law.
2. The applicant has submitted a complete application.
3. The applicant appeared along with one (1) party objecting to the application and one (1) party appearing only by means of a written protest.
4. The Hearing Officer considered the present transportation facilities, highway conditions and volume of traffic in the proposed area of service; the applicant's financial conditions; population increase in the area of service, lack of current services in the area and other related matters.
5. All the protesting parties have a physical presence in the State of Mississippi, with Budd Van Lines having no location in the State of Mississippi.
6. The protesting parties testified that there is not enough business to keep current certificate holders busy (see Exhibit A) and during the hearing referenced the recent closure of three (3) long-running household goods movers due to lack of business.
7. The applicant is a New Jersey corporation whose business is primarily corporate clients who may have intrastate moves in Mississippi. According to testimony, the

applicant would not advertise to gain business in Mississippi but would only take jobs in Mississippi when their corporate clients already had a move planned.

8. There are no allegations or evidence that Budd Van Lines is not a sound, viable business; however, there is no public necessity at this time for their services.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the Hearing Officer has jurisdiction over the party and the subject matter and is authorized to make this recommendation to the Mississippi Transportation Commission.
2. That the Hearing Officer finds that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is not justified and should not be issued in this matter at this time since there is no public necessity at this time for their services and the jobs that are available in this field are adequately serviced by the companies already certified.

IT IS, THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the Mississippi Transportation Commission issue an Order ratifying and affirming this recommended order in all aspects; denying the applicant an issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity as provided by law.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the application of Budd Van Lines, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a common carrier in intrastate operations hauling household goods statewide be DENIED based upon the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing.

A copy of this recommended order shall be served upon the Applicant, Budd Van Lines, Inc., and all objecting parties by sending a true and correct copy by United States Mail, first class, postage pre-paid, to their regular business address and via email.

This matter will be brought before the Mississippi Transportation Commission for ratification at the Mississippi Department of Transportation Administration Building, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the regular Mississippi Transportation Commission meeting. Any aggrieved party has rehearing and/oFappeal rights as provided by law.

SO ENTERED, THIS THE 17 DAY OF August, 2026.

BY: _____
MELINDA LOTT
HEARING OFFICER

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March 24, 2026

MDOT
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

RE: Budd Van Lines, Inc.

TOWhom It May Concern:

We would like to protest Budd Van Lines, Inc. to operate as a common carrier in Intrastate operations household goods. Budd Van Lines, Inc. is located in Chicago, IL. Carriers must handle intrastate in their home state.

Sincerely,

Gary Gotf6 t
President

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MAR 26 2026
By



e Armstrong

March 27, 2026

MDOT
Attn: Melinda Lott
412 East Woodrow Wilson
Jackson, MS 39216

RE: Protest of application for BUDD VAN LINES

I am writing this letter to provide a formal protest to the application for a household goods Certificate of Convenience and Necessity made by BUDD VAN LINES.

BUDD VAN LINES is a New Jersey based moving company with no location or establishment in the State of Mississippi.

Additionally, with the economic conditions there is not enough intrastate business to keep the current movers busy. Movers in the State that currently have a Certificate are extremely slow. There is not enough demand for Intrastate moves to keep existing companies busy. I feel there is no need for this certificate.

If you have any questions regarding this protest, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Keith Hopper
President
The Armstrong Company
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

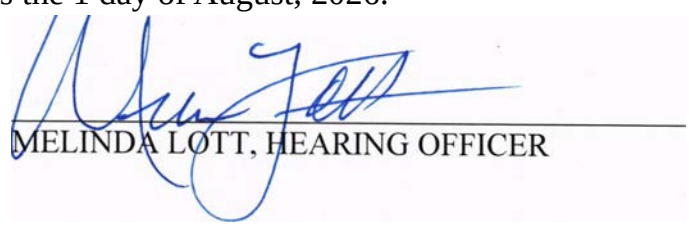
I, Melinda Lott, Hearing Officer in the above styled matter, do hereby certify that I have this date, forwarded a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Recommendation to the following:

Ms. Carolina George
Budd Van Lines, Inc.
24 Schoolhouse Road
Somerset, NJ 08873

Mr. Keith Hopper
The Armstrong Company
1223 Highway 51, Suite A
Madison, MS 39110

Gary Gollott, Jr.
Bay Forwarding, Inc.
Post Office Box 6709
Gulfport, Mississippi 39506

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 1 day of August, 2026.



MELINDA LOTT, HEARING OFFICER