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To: WVHI membership
Re: Workers' compensation rates (BrickStreet)
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Good Friday morning:

The state's new workers' compensation system, which is being managed by BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Co. of Charleston, is revising workers' compensation rates for all companies in the state. The short version on this is that the classes of coverage are going from 94 to 472.

Packages of information were mailed two days ago and yesterday to 38,000 companies operating in West Virginia. Please look carefully over the new rate schedules and the material in this package.

The new rates go into effect under emergency rules on July 1. **You have until July 10 to protest your rates.** The protest **must be done by calling BrickStreet** and in writing and you must use the form provided in this packet and it must be returned by July 10.

The dispute resolution process is explained in the material BrickStreet is sending to each of you. To help you further, the dispute resolution process may be downloaded at www.brickstreet.com. **To protest, call BrickStreet at (1-866) 45BRICK or (304) 926-3470 (press 1 and then press 3).**

I have no average or overall figure that is being applied to companies within our organization, but I advise you to read this carefully and make sure you take time to look at the rates being leveled against you.

I hope this helps.