**Section 1225.540 Application of Aggregate of Intermediate Rates and Combination Rates**

a) Except where a carrier elects to permit alternation, when a rate, whether local or joint, from origin to destination has been established via a route as a "one-factor rate," it becomes the only legal rate for through transportation via that route, whether it is greater or less than the aggregate of any intermediate rates.

b) The lowest combination of rates applicable via the route of movement is the legal rate if no one-factor rate is in effect. The combination shall be treated as a unit from origin to destination.

c) This Section does not require equalizing via one route or gateway the combination of rates applicable over another route or via a different gateway.