#### **FUEL SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2004-4**

TO

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TARIFF NO. 15-A

Naming rates for the transportation of

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

between points in the State of Washington

See reverse side of this sheet for rules regarding application of surcharge.

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# RULES FOR APPLYING SPECIAL FUEL SURCHARGE

# Rule 1: General Application

On and after the effective date of this tariff supplement, rates and charges in this tariff (**exclusive** of non-fuel consuming accessorial rates and charges - see note below) may be increased by up to <u>one and one-quarter percent (1.25%).</u>

The Commission recognizes that:

- Fuel prices change rapidly and those changes may adversely impact the earnings of some household goods carriers;
- Fuel prices rise at different levels in various geographical areas of the state;
- Fuel-to-revenue ratios may be different for various companies; and
- The need for fuel surcharges may differ from company to company due to the various factors named.

As such the Commission authorizes individual household goods carriers to analyze their own fuel surcharge supplement needs, and then assess any surcharge amount, up to one and one-quarter percent (including 0%), based on the company's operational needs.

In applying the increases provided under this supplement, first determine the total charges otherwise applicable, then increase that amount by the chosen fuel surcharge amount.

**Note:** The provisions of this supplement do not apply on non-fuel consuming rates and charges such as extra labor, delay time, storage, and accessorial services, etc.

**Non-Binding Estimate**— In applying the surcharge to a move taking place after the effective date of this shipment, with a non-binding estimate signed by both the carrier and the shipper prior to the effective date of this supplement, the total charges (after the application of the surcharge) must not exceed 125% of the non-binding estimate on an hourly-rated shipment or 115% of the non-binding estimate on a mileage-rated shipment.

**Binding Estimate** – This surcharge must not be applied to moves taking place after the effective date of this surcharge, where the carrier and shipper signed a binding estimate.

#### Rule 2 – Disposition of Fractions:

Fractions resulting from the application of this increase will be dropped if less than one-half cent and increased to the next whole cent if one-half cent or more.