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Good Morning –

Reference: UTC Dockets TV-210535 and TV-210812

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) will be hosting an “Open Meeting” this Thursday, June, 29, 2023. Among other items to be discussed include the two reference Docket Items.

I highly look up to you two UTC Commissioners who I have known and worked with for more than 20 years in regulating Washington’s Regulated Intrastate Household goods Moving Industry.

But I have to tell you both you are being misinformed by the UTC staff. Docket TV-210812 was a WMC request to remove the Maximum Rate Band from HHG Tariff No. 15-C. A portion of that Docket was closed months ago with no action.

However, in the staff review of Tariff No. 15-C, Docket TV-210535, which has taken more than 20 months to accomplish, the Memo coming to you which I finally received at 4:15pm yesterday, June 26, 2023, retains the 12.1% Supplement to increase to Tariff No. 15-C Maximum Rates as follows: **“Staff does not believe the record supports eliminating the maximum rates at this time. Although Staff is amenable to exploring this outcome, Staff believes that such a change would require additional consumer protections, including requirements related to HHG carriers filing individual tariffs with the Commission.”**

Accordingly, Staff recommends the Commission (1) deny WMC’s Petition to remove the upper rate band, (2) permanently increase the Tariff 15-C upper rate band by 12.1 percent by incorporating Supplement 2022-01, (3) cancel Supplement 2022-01, and (4) direct Staff to open a rulemaking to explore eliminating the upper rate band, to be concluded by December 31, 2023.

This recommendation is all well and good, but does not help intrastate HHG Carriers with today’s costs.

This staff decision totally ignores the information I provided to UTC staff showing **trucking costs alone** have climbed to a new high in 2022 for the second year in a row, according to the [2023 update of American Transportation Research Institute’s \(ATRI\) analysis of the operational costs of trucking](#).

Additionally, here is an appropriate article from the “Seattle Times” dated June 20, 2023 that I also provided to the staff –

“Life in Seattle now costs the same as San Francisco”

In the Seattle area, the cost of living has risen by over 20% in the three years since the pandemic started. See how Seattle compares to other cities and what’s fueling the change.

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I hope you understand I am not “blowing smoke at you”. I am being honest when I provide you and staff information so you as the Regulators can take positive action to satisfactorily support a **highly competitive** industry you regulate.

Thank you for your time.

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