



Docket TV-190664
Household Goods Tariff 15-C Rate Band Review – Technical Workshop
October 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
UTC Headquarters, Richard Hemstad Hearing Room
621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA

Background and Summary

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is holding an industry workshop to discuss potential changes to the Commission Published Household Goods Tariff 15-C Rate Bands. Commission Staff has reviewed the comments filed under Docket TV-190664, and determined that additional financial data is necessary in order to make an informed recommendation for changes to the rates contained in Tariff 15-C. This Technical workshop will seek to clarify the scope of these proceedings, the process of making rate changes, and the type of data necessary to perform a cost-based analysis of the current rate bands.

Agenda Items

1. Introductions, Bridgit Feeser, Assistant Director of Consumer Protection
2. Scope of Tariff Review, Bridgit Feeser
3. Opening comments – Industry Stakeholders
4. Review of Industry Comments, Bridgit Feeser
5. Rate Review – Ratemaking Approach and Necessary Financial Data, Greg Hammond, Regulatory Analyst
 - a. Cost-Based Review by Tariff Rate
 - b. Alternative Forms of Ratemaking
 - i. Automatic Annual Adjustments to Tariff Rates
 - ii. Continue Inflation-Adjusted Rates
 - iii. Other?
6. Concerns about Confidentiality of Financial Data, Greg Hammond
7. Opportunity for Additional Comments
8. Next Steps, Bridgit Feeser

Attached for reference

Summary of Comments

Description of Additional Financial Support Documentation Needed

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In order to perform a review of the current rate bands and recommend changes to the Commissioners, Staff will review actual cost data provided from the industry for either:

1. An industry-provided rate study, or
2. A possible new rate-by-rate approach (Hourly Rates, Mileage Rates, Packing Rates, etc.) would require:
 - i. Historical financial data that shows what it costs to provide these services.
 - ii. Representative sample of per-job costs for each of the rates under review
 1. Do the companies have cost-accounting or job-pricing software to track all costs associated with each job?
 - a. If yes, is the industry willing to provide this data provided all of this could remain confidential?
 - b. How are overhead costs (costs not directly related to a specific move) accounted for?