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Mr. Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director
Water & Transportation
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Dear Gene,

The Washington Movers Conference would like to petition the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for a Tariff No. 15-A Fuel Surcharge increase based upon the continuing upward spiral of the cost of diesel fuel. Presently, the cost of diesel fuel is up nearly \$.71 a gallon over the cost of the same fuel one year ago. (Source: Energy Information Administration, October 12, 2004.)

We believe the Tariff No. 15-A Fuel Surcharge should be reviewed on a monthly basis prior to the effective date of an identified calendar month. For example, the review should take place now to be effective on November 1, 2004, the next monthly cycle. Then each subsequent month a review should be made to provide a basis to determine if the Fuel Surcharge should be increased or decreased based upon the cost of fuel at that point in time. Our rationale is that a Fuel Surcharge is put in place to temporarily provide relief for an unusual circumstance that impacts the cost of doing business beyond the control of the business. Once the abnormal situation subsides or is mitigated by other means, the surcharge should drop back as well.

Should you need any further assistance from the WMC, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James R. Tutton, Jr.
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