



## Washington Movers Conference

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Mr. Gene Eckhardt, Assistant Director  
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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 review of the current Tariff No. 15-B Fuel Surcharge based upon the continuing high cost of diesel fuel. The current Tariff No. 15-B Fuel Surcharge, Supplement No. 2006-5 has an expiration date of September 30, 2006.

We request the new Tariff No. 15-B Fuel Surcharge be reviewed on a monthly basis prior to the effective date of an identified calendar month. For example, the review should take place immediately to be effective on October 1, 2006, the current 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 any 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.

For better implementation, we further request the HHG Tariff No. 15-B Fuel Surcharge for the following month be made available by approximately the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. This will allow for better discussions with the consumers.

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

Sincerely,

James R. Tutton, Jr.  
Executive Director