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Dear Mr. Danner:

The Washington Movers Conference would like to petition the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for changes to the current HHG Tariff No. 15-C. The changes requested would be language changes to ITEM 85 – ESTIMATES and ITEM 95 – BILLS OF LADING.

The recommended language changes are simple and are shown in bold print.

FOR ITEM 85 - ESTIMATES:

Change Paragraph 2 to read: **Carriers must prepare a written Estimated Costs for Services for every move to be transported based on a physical survey of the goods to be shipped.** Carriers must include the following elements **in the printed estimate that are relevant to the specific move identified and requested by the customer, including all charges,** in all binding and nonbinding estimates, even if those estimates are completed **by the carrier or by the customer in electronically generated or hard-copy paper formats.**

Support for change: The required elements shown on the current hard-copy paper Estimated Costs for Services, but not requested by the customer or relevant to the move are currently left blank, no charges shown. As discussed in the May 22, 2012, meeting, the current electronic processes for generating estimates have the capability to provide all of the needed information required by ITEM 85 – ESTIMATES if the specific element is to be performed during the move. Those elements not performed simply are not printed on the final electronically generated Estimated Costs for Services the customer signs.

Change paragraph 2g to read: The proper form to be used is a household goods **Table of Measurements or an electronic cube sheet** of the items upon which the estimate is based and the estimated cubic footage for each item.

Support for change: The proper form for use with the Estimated Costs for Services is a Table of Measurements or an electronic cube sheet which provides the cubic measurement of each item to be moved. The Table of Measurements form is shown on the WUTC web site.

FOR ITEM 95 – BILLS OF LADING:

CONTRACT TERM AND CONDITIONS OF UNIFORM HOUSEHOLD GOODS BILL OF LADING

Change SECTION 4 (C) to read: If this contract is referred to a court for resolution the **non-prevailing** party shall be responsible for payment of reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

Change SECTION 4 (D) to read: The customer shall indemnify the carrier **against** loss or damage caused by inclusion in the shipment of explosives, dangerous articles, or dangerous goods.

Support for change: The two statements above relevant to SECTION 4 are basic standard statements used in the household goods moving industry. This change also removes frivolous words not needed. See Milburn Printing web site, www.milburnprinting.com , click on State and Local tab for various State Uniform Household Goods Bill of Ladings in use. Milburn Printing is the leading printer of household goods industry forms.

Change SECTION 6, last sentence to read: A copy of the original paid transportation bill, bill of lading, contract or shipping receipt **must** accompany the written claim.

Support for change: Using the term "must" instead of "should" better defines the requirement to provide proof of delivery to support the claim.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Tutton, Jr.', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

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