

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. TV-050957
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Washington Movers Conference	)	ORDER NO. 01
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING A
For An Order Allowing a Temporary	)	TEMPORARY FUEL SURCHARGE
Fuel Surcharge for WUTC Tariff No.	)	AND GRANTING WAIVER OF
15A	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE

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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On June 22, 2005, the Movers Conference of the Washington Trucking Associations filed a petition seeking a temporary Fuel Surcharge to become effective with less than statutory notice on July 1, 2005 to expire on July 31, 2005, and granting waiver of customer notice requirements. The petition seeks to offset in part the increased fuel expenses being incurred by the carriers currently hauling household goods under WUTC Tariff No. 15A. The matter was assigned Docket TV-050957.
  
- 2     On April 27, 2005, in Docket A-042090, pursuant to RCW 80.01.030, WAC 356-30-007, WAC 356-34-011, and the inherent powers of the Commission, the Commission delegated the authority to authorize temporary fuel surcharges for household goods companies to the Secretary of the Commission, provided that the petition complies with the following requirements:
  - a.   The proposed surcharge will expire no more than one month after it becomes effective.
  - b.   The Washington Mover's Conference files a petition asking the Commission to publish a fuel surcharge supplement to Household Goods Tariff 15-A, to become effective on less than statutory notice,

- at least three business days prior to the requested effective date.
- c. The amount of the proposed surcharge is not more than 20 percent of the base rates to which the surcharge would apply.
  - d. The fuel surcharge is calculated using the most current price data for (i) No. 2 low-sulfur clear diesel as reported by Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) for Seattle, Spokane, and Portland (Vancouver), as posted by Washington Department of General Administration each Tuesday and (ii) diesel as reported by the American Automobile Association of Washington (AAA) for Seattle, Spokane, and Vancouver. Base fuel price is the average of (i) the AAA June 22, 2003, price and (ii) the average 2003 calendar year OPIS price. Current fuel price is the average price reported by both services for each of the three cities. The amount of the increase is rounded to the nearest one quarter of 1 percent.
  - e. The filing complies with all requirements generally applicable to tariff revisions requested to take effect with less than statutory notice.

3 The fuel surcharge amount is calculated to be 2.75 percent.

### ORDER

- 4 (1) The petition complies with the terms set forth in Commission Order No. 2, Docket A-042090, delegating authority to the Secretary of the Commission.
- 5 (2) The proposed 2.75 percent increase shall become effective with Less Than Statutory Notice on July 1, 2005.

- 6       (3)     The proposed 2.75 percent increase will expire on July 31, 2005.
- 7       (4)     The surcharge amount will not apply to non-fuel consuming rates  
and charges. Because the Commission publishes a rate band for  
household goods, the fuel surcharge will be optional, not mandatory.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of June, 2005

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole J. Washburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary

Supplement Nos. 2005-7, 2005-6 and 2000-1 are the only supplements in effect on the date hereof

Supplement No. 2005-7

**FUEL SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2005-7**

TO

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TARIFF NO. 15-A

Naming rates  
for the transportation of

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

between points in the State of Washington

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See reverse side of this sheet for rules regarding application of surcharge.

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ISSUED: June 29, 2005

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2005

EXPIRES: July 31, 2005

Issued by authority of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
under Docket No. TV-050957

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## **RULES FOR APPLYING SPECIAL FUEL SURCHARGE**

### **Rule 1: General Application**

On and after the effective date of this tariff supplement, rates and charges in this tariff (**exclusive** of non-fuel consuming accessorial rates and charges - see note below) may be increased by up to two and three-quarters percent (2.75%).

The Commission recognizes that:

- Fuel prices change rapidly and those changes may adversely impact the earnings of some household goods carriers;
- Fuel prices rise at different levels in various geographical areas of the state;
- Fuel-to-revenue ratios may be different for various companies; and
- The need for fuel surcharges may differ from company to company due to the various factors named.

As such, the Commission authorizes individual household goods carriers to analyze their own fuel surcharge supplement needs, and then assess any surcharge amount, up to two and three-quarters (including 0%), based on the company's operational needs.

In applying the increases provided under this supplement, first determine the total charges otherwise applicable, then increase that amount by the chosen fuel surcharge amount.

**Note:** The provisions of this supplement do not apply on non-fuel consuming rates and charges such as extra labor, delay time, storage, and accessorial services, etc.

**Non-Binding Estimate**– In applying the surcharge to a move taking place after the effective date of this shipment, with a non-binding estimate signed by both the carrier and the shipper prior to the effective date of this supplement, the total charges (after the application of the surcharge) must not exceed 125% of the non-binding estimate on an hourly-rated shipment or 115% of the non-binding estimate on a mileage-rated shipment.

**Binding Estimate** – This surcharge must not be applied to moves taking place after the effective date of this surcharge, where the carrier and shipper signed a binding estimate.

### **Rule 2 – Disposition of Fractions:**

Fractions resulting from the application of this increase will be dropped if less than one-half cent and increased to the next whole cent if one-half cent or more.