

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. TV-061307
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Washington Movers Conference,	)	ORDER NO. 01
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING A
For An Order Allowing a Temporary	)	TEMPORARY FUEL SURCHARGE
Fuel Surcharge for WUTC Tariff No.	)	AND GRANTING WAIVER OF
15B	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE

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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On August 14, 2006, the Movers Conference of the Washington Trucking Associations (Movers) filed a petition seeking a temporary Fuel Surcharge to become effective with less than statutory notice on September 1, 2006, to expire on September 30, 2006, and granting waiver of customer notice requirements. The petitioner's members transport household goods for hire between points in the state of Washington under permits issued by the commission. The petition seeks to offset in part the increased fuel expenses being incurred by the carriers hauling household goods under WUTC Tariff No. 15B. The matter was assigned Docket TV-061307.
  
- 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 issued Order 02, delegating the authority to authorize temporary fuel surcharges for household goods companies to the Secretary of the Commission, provided that the petition meets the requirements set forth in paragraph 4 of that order, which states:
  - a. The proposed surcharge will expire no more than one month after it becomes effective.
  - b. The Washington Movers Conference files a petition asking the

commission to publish a fuel surcharge supplement to Household Goods Tariff 15-B, 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 Tacoma, 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 6.50 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 6.50 percent increase shall become effective with Less  
          Than Statutory Notice on September 1, 2006.
- 6       (3)     The proposed 6.50 percent increase will expire on September 30,  
          2006.
- 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 August 21, 2006

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION

  
CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary

Supplement Nos. 2006-1 and 2006-5 are the only  
supplements in effect on the date hereof

Supplement No. 2006-5

**FUEL SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2006-5**

TO

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TARIFF NO. 15-B

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: August 21, 2006

EFFECTIVE: September 1, 2006

EXPIRES: September 30, 2006

Issued by authority of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
under Docket No. TV-061307

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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 six and one-half percent (6.50%)

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 six and one-half percent (including 0 percent), 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 to non-fuel consuming rates and charges such as extra labor, delay time, storage, and accessorial services.

**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 percent of the non-binding estimate on an hourly-rated shipment or 115 percent 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.