# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the matter of the Petition of	)	<b>DOCKET TV-071569</b>
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WASHINGTON MOVERS	)	ORDER 01
CONFERENCE,	)	
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	) .	ORDER GRANTING A
Petitioner,	)	TEMPORARY FUEL
	)	SURCHARGE AND
For an Order Allowing a Temporary Fuel	.)	GRANTING WAIVER OF
Surcharge for WUTC Tariff No. 15-B	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
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#### **BACKGROUND**

- On July 25, 2007, the Movers Conference of the Washington Trucking Associations (Movers) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), a petition seeking a temporary fuel surcharge to become effective with less than statutory notice on August 1, 2007, to expire August 31, 2007, 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.15-B. The matter was assigned Docket TV-071569.
- On April, 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 requirement 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 Mover's 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 ultra-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 Tacoma, 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.
- The fuel surcharge amount is calculated to be 4.75 percent.

#### **ORDER**

- The petition complies with the terms set forth in Commission Order 02, Docket A-042090, delegating authority to the Secretary of the Commission.
- The proposed 4.75 percent increase shall become effective with Less Than Statutory Notice on August 1, 2007.
- 6 (3) The proposed 4.75 percent increase will expire on August 31, 2007.
- 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 July 26, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary

# FUEL SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2007-8

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

See reverse side of this sheet for instructions regarding application of surcharge	

ISSUED: July 25, 2007

EFFECTIVE: August 1, 2007

EXPIRES: August 31, 2007

Issued by authority of Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission under Docket No. TV-071569

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING SPECIAL FUEL SURCHARGE

## 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 Four and three-fourths percent (4.75%).

The Commission authorizes individual household goods carriers to analyze their own fuel surcharge supplement needs, and then assess any surcharge amount, up to four and three-fourths 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.

## 2. <u>Disposition of Fractions:</u>

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.