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Changes to Tariff 15-c

The Tariff 15-c maximum rate band should be removed immediately and is a far more pressing and pertinent issue than any of the changes sought by Clutter, Inc. Nearly every expense regularly incurred by a moving company has risen substantially and dramatically over the past 18 months. Fuel and wages are the most obvious, however, we have also seen massive cost increases in packing material, moving related equipment (dollies, pads, etc), vehicles (maintenance and new/used vehicles) and insurance – just to name a few.

I feel strongly that individual companies should be able to charge whatever they deem appropriate for their services. We should let the economics of supply and demand in an already very competitive and low barrier industry balance out. How the removal of the minimum rate band, let alone by a company operating in the State's most expensive submarket, is even being discussed makes me question what this is really about.

Furthermore, there is a growing and slowly realizing concern that many of the reputable, high-demand companies will begin turning away intra-state/local moves in favor of much higher margin opportunities within the moving industry. If the best moving companies in the state can no longer afford to do the work it would be DEVASTATING for the industry as a whole in Washington – let alone the consumer.

I hope the Commission and the UTC staff will realize that removing the maximum rate band can be a benefit to EVERY moving company in the state, rather than Clutter's request which seems to only benefit them.

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