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Subject: Re: UTC Courtesy Email: TV-210535 & TV-210812 (Consolidated) Notice of Opportunity to Submit Written Comments (By May 27, 2022, at 5 p.m.). CRM:0003697
Attachments: TV-210535 and TV-210812 - Supplemental Notice.pdf
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TV-210535

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Good Evening Amanda -

I have responded to records@utc.wa.gov.

I hope you don't mind me copying you in as your signature is on the bottom of the cover letter. I am also cc'ing Michael Young and Greg Hammond.

Thank you all for trying to accommodate Clutter Inc's needs and helping them understand the UTC Tariff No. 15-C as they try to fit their moving storage business model into the requirements of Intrastate HHG Tariff No. 15-C.

This UTC letter must have been hastily prepared because I believe a lot of the information asked for in the attachment can be found by UTC staff through reviewing the Annual HHG Reports rightfully submitted by regulated intrastate HHG carriers for calendar years 2019, 2020, & 2021.

And Clutter Inc. only has a few recent months of operating expense. So by far most of the information requested to act on will be gathered and supplied by regulated intrastate HHG carriers.

Intrastate HHG carriers are beginning their "Peak Moving Season" right now that will run through August and likely into September 2022. The large amount of information requested to be submitted will be very time consuming to gather and report back to the UTC by May 27, 2022.

You may or not know, intrastate HHG carriers are having difficulties finding good, clean background checked, cleared workers that want to be employed in the labor intensive HHG moving industry.

I keep providing UTC staff updated information on specific cost items that impact industry operations; costs items like packing material increases implemented by industry suppliers, State employment tax increases, and/or weekly Fuel Cost increases due to federal policy. These costs I provide are today's costs, not 2019, 2020 or 2021 costs; and are severely impacting the intrastate moving industry. And when regulated HHG movers have to turn away consumers HHG move requests because they are "fully booked" based on their available work force - the "Rogue Movers" come out of the wood-work!

Just today, I came to work and the price of gas at the station across the street was \$5.19 per gallon. When I went home this evening the Price was \$5.39! Diesel fuel pricing is no better. It just keeps going up! For commercial trucks averaging around 6-8 miles per gallon, it's expensive to the keep the wheels rolling!

Inflation is running amuck at a little over 8% according to the recent Federal Bureau of Labor statistics.

And that's exactly why the WMC has two Petitions at the UTC at this time; one asking to do away with the HHG Tariff's Maximum Rate Band, for good reason, and the other for a 6-month study of operating without the Maximum Rate Band. Clutter Inc. was allowed a 6-month study (Test).

A last resort, would be for a short term 18-20% Fuel Surcharge effective immediately until either of the above Petitions are acted on. That's how bad it is out here in the business world.

Hoping for the best outcome -

Jim Tutton, Exec. Dir.
WMC

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2022, at 3:28 PM, Document Service Queue <recordscenter@utc.wa.gov> wrote:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) served the following document(s), regarding Docket Number(s) 210535, on 5/16/2022 3:27 PM

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