

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS (By Friday, February 5, 2021) And NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING (Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.)

RE: Increases to Container and Packing Rates and to Mileage Calculation Standards for Long Distance Moves in Commission Published Household Goods Tariff 15-C Docket TV-210035

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will publish revisions to Tariff 15-C (Household Goods) with a proposed effective date of February 12, 2021. The Commission will consider the tariff changes proposed by Commission staff (Staff) at its regularly scheduled open meeting on February 11, 2021.

The proposed tariff changes would remove from Item 105 the *Household Goods Carriers Bureau Mileage Guide* as a way to determine mileage for long distance moves, as the guide is no longer maintained, and allow for mileage calculation systems comparable to Rand McNally to be used. In addition, the proposed tariff changes would increase the maximum container rates listed in Item 196 – Container Prices and Item 225 – Container Prices by 9 percent. The container portion of the maximum rates listed in Item 195 – Packing Charges would also increase by 9 percent. These tariff revisions are being proposed pursuant to letters sent by the Washington Movers Conference, one of which provided notice of a 9 percent price increase from both Pioneer Packing and Victory Packaging, effective January 2021.

Proposed revisions to Tariff 15-C are reflected in Attachment 1: Cover Page; Page 31 containing Item 105 – General Application of Rates For Long Distance (Mileage-Rated) Moves; Page 39 containing Item 195 – Packing Charges; Page 40 containing Item 196 – Container Prices; and Page 49 containing Item 225 – Container Prices. Revisions are noted in track changes.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the Tariff 15-C changes must be filed with the Commission no later than **5 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2020**. As provided in WAC 480-07-140, comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</u>. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u> or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (TV-210035).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment(s).

The Commission will post all written comments on its website at the following URL address: <u>https://www.utc.wa.gov/210035</u>.

OPEN MEETING

The Commission will consider the tariff changes proposed by Commission Staff at its virtual open meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 11, 2020.** Interested persons may present oral comments at that open meeting, which is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m.

Consistent with the Governor's Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home – Stay Healthy," the Commission plans to conduct this meeting virtually, unless otherwise indicated. To participate by phone, call (253) 372-2181, and enter conference ID 581008258#. To participate via Microsoft Teams, please <u>click here</u>.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for this meeting, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to <u>human_resources@utc.wa.gov</u>. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

If you have questions about this notice or about this tariff revision, you may contact Greg Hammond for questions regarding container prices at <u>greg.hammond@utc.wa.gov</u>, or (360) 664-1278. For questions regarding mileage calculations, you may contact Bridgit Feeser at <u>Bridgit.feeser@utc.wa.gov</u>, or (360) 664-1111.

MARK L. JOHNSON Executive Director and Secretary Attachment 1: Tariff 15-C Proposed Tariff Revisions