August 28, 2008

RE:  Fuel Surcharge Tariff Filing Requirements & Rejection of Incomplete Filings

Dear Regulated Auto Transportation Company:

Thank you for your attention to the issues set forth in my August 4, 2008, letter regarding fuel surcharge filing requirements. The current “round” of fuel surcharge filings was greatly improved!

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that, after additional discussion with companies, staff decided that we will not recommend the commission reject a filing if the transmittal letter does not contain the following information.

- The percentage amount that rates will change if they become effective.
- The amount of revenue that is expected to change if the proposed rates become effective.

Staff has determined that, although this information may be of interest to the public and to the commissioners, it is not essential to Staff’s analysis of the proposed fuel surcharge filing and that rejection would be too harsh.

Many of you included that information in your most recent transmittal letter. Staff believes that information is helpful to provide the commission and the public a meaningful summary of the impact of the proposed fuel surcharge. Staff encourages you to include that information in your transmittal letters, but will take no action if you do not.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Mickelson at cmickels@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1267.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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