



RESOLUTION NO. 39874

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities; authorizing the
2 Beltline Division, d.b.a. Tacoma Rail, to reissue the TMBL 8807 and
3 TRMW 8000 series freight switching tariffs, as well as the TMBL 6004 series
4 demurrage tariff, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, to ensure
5 reliable rail services at cost of service rates.

6 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division (d.b.a.
7 "Tacoma Rail"), is recommending adjustments to charges related to freight
8 switching, and is seeking approval to reissue its freight switching tariff TMBL 8807
9 and TRMW 8000, incorporating such adjustments, and

10 WHEREAS the switching tariffs define the line haul and miscellaneous
11 switching charges allocated to the movement of railcars, and the proposed
12 adjustments include a rate increase of \$10 for unit train line haul traffic, a \$150 line
13 haul rate increase for Positive Train Control ("PTC") enabled divisions, and a
14 3 percent increase on general TRMW switching fees, and

15 WHEREAS the demurrage tariff establishes rates, credits, and exemptions
16 for the application of railcar demurrage, and the demurrage tariff rate and schedule
17 has not changed since 1998, when the demurrage tariff was established, and

18 WHEREAS the proposed demurrage tariff adds Saturdays as being exempt
19 from being a demurrage day while changing the daily rate from \$50 to \$60;
20 Sundays and holidays are exempt in the current tariff, and

21 WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all
22 matters related to the fixing of rates and charges for utility services shall be
23 initiated by the Board and approved by the City Council, and
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WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, the Public Utility Board approved the proposed revisions, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Rail believes it is in the best interests of its customers and the citizens of Tacoma that the recommended freight switching tariffs and demurrage tariff be approved; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proposed revisions and reissue of Tacoma Rail Freight Switching Tariffs TMBL 8807, TRMW 8000, and Demurrage Tariff TMBL 6604 series are hereby approved, effective January 1, 2018.

Section 2. That the publication of TMBL 8807, TRMW 8000, and Demurrage Tariff TMBL 6604 is approved.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-10975