



TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES
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To Chair Trudnowski and Members of the Public Utility Board and
Mayor Strickland and Members of City Council:

SUBJECT: Reissue Tacoma Rail's Switching and Demurrage Tariffs

Request:

Tacoma Rail requests authorization to reissue the TMBL 8807 and TRMW 8000 series freight switching tariffs as well as the TMBL 6004 series demurrage tariff.

Background:

Tacoma Rail's customers consist of local industries and other railroads. The switching tariffs define the line haul and miscellaneous switching charges allocated to the movement of railcars. Tacoma Rail's TMBL rates associated with unit train line haul traffic series were last updated in 2015. Tacoma Rail Mountain Division's TRMW tariff was last updated in 2009. Line haul rates are charged to the BNSF or Union Pacific railroads unless the industry served or shipper elects to pay the fees themselves. The switching tariffs include a rate increase of ten dollars for unit train line haul traffic, a \$150 line haul rate increase for Positive Train Control (PTC) enabled divisions and a three percent increase on general TRMW switching fees.

The demurrage tariff establishes rates, credits and exemptions for the application of railcar demurrage. The proposed demurrage tariff adds Saturdays as being exempt from being demurrage day while changing the daily rate from \$50 to \$60. Sundays and holidays are exempt in the current tariff. The demurrage tariff rate and schedule hasn't changed since 1998 when the demurrage tariff was established.

APPROVED:

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