



ORDINANCE NO. 28555

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public Utilities; authorizing the
2 Beltline Division, d.b.a. Tacoma Rail, to reissue the TMBL 8807 series
3 freight switching tariff, with an effective date of January 1, 2019, to ensure
4 reliable rail services at cost of service rates.

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

9 WHEREAS the switching tariffs define the line haul and miscellaneous
10 switching charges allocated to the movement of railcars, and the proposed
11 adjustments include the following:

- 12 • Intermodal increase, from \$50 to \$51 per platform;
- 13 • Unit train single spot increase, from \$220 to \$224;
- 14 • Unit train multiple spot increase, from \$295 to \$300; and
- 15 • Commercial increases, from \$300 and \$350 to \$306 and \$356,

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17 WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all
18 matters related to the fixing of rates and charges for utility services shall be
19 initiated by the Board and approved by the City Council, and

20 WHEREAS, on October 24, 2018, the Public Utility Board approved the
21 proposed revisions, and

22 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail believes it is in the best interests of its customers
23 and the citizens of Tacoma that the recommended freight switching tariff be
24 approved; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proposed adjustments to the Tacoma Rail Freight Switching Tariff TMBL 8807 series are hereby approved, effective January 1, 2019.

Section 2. That the publication of Freight Switching Tariff TMBL 8807, substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby approved.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11039