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To: All Port Tenants  
Re: Rail Tariff  
Date: December 15, 2020

The Port of Palm Beach District's Freight Tariff PPBD 8016, effective on November 1, 2020, allows for certain rates to be adjusted annually to reflect changes in costs to the industry. Specifically, rate adjustments are provided in both Item 300, Interchange Switching and Item 310, Intra-Plant, Intra-Terminal and Inter-Terminal Switching as stated below:

**ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT** – Effective January 1, of each year, the Outbound Interchange/Inter-terminal Switching Rates will be calculated by increasing the previous year's rate by the Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (Unadjusted) for the previous four quarters: Provided that the rate shall never be less than the prior year's rate, regardless of movement in the RCA Factor. There will be a 4% maximum increase for 2021.

The AAR Railroad Cost Index showed that the Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (Unadjusted) was 1.043 as of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020 (December 5, 2019) and 1.040 as of the First Quarter of 2021 (December 4, 2020). This represents a decrease from year to year. Therefore, due to the decline, the rates for items 300 and 310 will remain unchanged.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 561-383-4147.



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