

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS
89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02888**

Fuel Price Emergency Surcharge Program for Towers

Pursuant to Order 16999, dated August 30, 2001, the fuel Price Emergency Surcharge for Towers is in effect for the month of March, 2003.

As the Division has determined the average price of both gasoline and diesel fuel used by tow trucks exceeds \$1.50 per gallon, a \$.50 fuel surcharge may be assessed in addition to the normal tariff for each towing service provided.

All tow truck operators who intend to impose this surcharge must conspicuously place a notice of the fuel surcharge, which specifically identifies the type of fuel the truck uses. The Associate Administrator of the Motor Carrier's Section of the Division will make sample notices available.

The authorization of the surcharge will expire on the last day of the calendar month for which it is authorized.

The application of the surcharge is voluntary. However, if a person or entity elects to implement the surcharge it must be applied non-discriminatorily.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003.

Terrence Mercer
Acting Associate Administrator of the Motor Carriers Section