



# Freight Rail Customer Alliance

## **Freight Rail Customer Alliance Applauds STB for Final Demurrage Billing Requirements April 7, 2021**

The Freight Rail Customer Alliance (FRCA) thanks the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) for issuing its Final Rule in Docket No. EP 759, *Demurrage Billing Requirements*, on April 6, 2021.

“We thank the Board for providing necessary tools that shippers can use when monitoring and addressing demurrage service and billing problems that they have experienced particularly as Class I rail carriers have adopted Precision Scheduled Railroading (PSR) practices,” said FRCA President Shelley Sahling-Zart.

The new minimum demurrage billing requirements established in this Final Rule, along with the Board’s Final Demurrage Policy that it issued a year ago in Docket No. EP 757, *Policy Statement on Demurrage and Accessorial Rules and Charges*, promise to 1) discourage Class I carriers from engaging in unreasonable demurrage practices and charges, and 2) allow shippers and receivers to more effectively monitor, identify, and challenge unreasonable demurrage practices and charges where they do occur.

“While these STB actions did not adopt all of the recommendations put forth by FRCA, such as penalty provisions for a Class I carrier that does not comply with the billing requirements, these new minimum requirements should make a positive difference for shippers and receivers moving forward,” added FRCA Spokesperson Ann Warner.

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### **About FRCA**

An umbrella membership organization, the Freight Rail Customer Alliance (FRCA) includes large trade associations representing more than 3,500 electric utility, agriculture, chemical, and alternative fuel companies and their consumers. Through a growing coalition of industries and associations, the mission of FRCA is to obtain changes in Federal law and policy that will provide all freight shippers with reliable rail service at competitive prices. [www.railvoices.org](http://www.railvoices.org)

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