2.03 Any organization or agency meeting the criteria of Section 2.01 hereof may become a member of this Conference by indicating its desire to do so in writing addressed to the Chairman and setting forth a description of said organization or agency.

2.04 Such request for new membership shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee to determine whether the applicant meets the criteria of Section 2.01 hereof and thereafter such new membership shall be reflected in an amendment filed with the Federal Maritime Commission.

2.05 Any member may terminate its membership in the Conference by written notice to the Chairman of such termination. Termination shall be effective upon the filing of an amendment with the Federal Maritime Commission.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

3.01 The parties shall, subject to the limitations in 4.02 hereof, consult with one another with relation to, and to establish port terminal rates and charges and rules and regulations for or in connection with services and facilities, including, but not limited to: wharfage (tollage), dockage, sheddage, free time, demurrage, usage, rents, storage, handling, loading and unloading, licenses, preferential assignments, and other privileges, charges, classifications,
ARTICLE XIV
Independent Action

14.01 With respect to any actions to be taken or procedures to be followed under this Agreement, any party hereto, after ten days’ written notice to the other members of the Conference, may take action or follow procedures independent of those agreed upon by the Conference.

ARTICLE XV
Effective Date

15.01 This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by unanimous agreement of the member parties hereto and notification to the Federal Maritime Commission pursuant to Section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

ARTICLE XVI
Miscellaneous

16.01 Any reference herein to a person of one gender shall be construed to refer to persons of either gender.

(C) In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be amended, on the 13th day of November, 2008-14th day of June, 2012.

Attest:

Gulf Seaports Marine Terminal Conference

Hal Hudgins, Vice-Chairman

Allen Moeller, Chairman