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Assistant Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20573-0001

Good day –

I would like to respond to the request of providing unfair practices of demurrage by ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators.

Case in point #1: two containers into the port of Savannah:

GESU5895794 & BSIU9316810 – ETA 1-26-17

- Both containers had an exam by Customs.
- LFD assigned was 2-2-17. (Thursday)
- Containers were released on 2-6-17 (Monday)
- Demurrage assessed was \$2,040.00 for both containers (tiered rates)
- Container GESU was picked up Monday, 2-6-17
- Container BSIU was picked up Tuesday, 2-7-17

Case in point #2: MRKU0933442 – ETA Savannah 12-26-16

- Container had an exam by Customs
- Released 12-30-16 (New Year's Eve Weekend)
- LFD assigned 1-2-17 (Holiday)
- Demurrage assessed \$225.00 by terminal – the only business open. SSL, Customs, Dray Companies are our company were closed in observance of the holiday. Neither SSL, nor terminal would extend the LFD one more day.
- Container picked up on Tuesday, 1-3-17

Thank you so much for your time on this horrific and unfair practice of charging demurrage when we are powerless to pick up our containers.

Best regards –



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