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OLYMPICS WILL INCREASE COSTS FOR TRUCKERS IN THE GREATER VANCOUVER AREA

December 22, 2009 – Trucking costs for pick-up and deliveries in the Greater Vancouver area will increase substantially during the upcoming Olympics (February 12-28, 2010). Costs will be impacted by increased congestion as well as government restrictions and guidelines on pickup and delivery times. Due to the poor economy the trucking industry has little or no profit margin and is in no position to absorb these additional costs. Trucking companies serving the area may need to assess increased rates or an operational surcharge in order to recoup at least a portion of these increased costs.

Many U.S. trucking companies applied an operational surcharge during the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 to offset at least a portion of the increased expenses. The following operational surcharge was adopted by many carriers of the Southern Motor Carriers Association for use during the 1996 Olympic Games. The surcharge was applied to specific 5 digit zip code ranges. The surcharge applied for one month during the 1996 summer games. The charge was assessed for any pickup and/or delivery within the impacted area.

	<u>1996</u>
Less than 2,000 lbs	\$2.00/cwt
2,000 – 4,999 lbs	\$1.54/cwt
5,000 – 9,999 lbs	\$1.22/cwt
10,000 + lbs	\$1.04/cwt

Minimum Operational Surcharge - \$20.00

Maximum Operational Surcharge - \$150.00

The FCA represents freight carriers operating throughout Canada in matters related to economics, pricing, finances, costing, as well as motor carrier statistics. FCA, and its predecessor, have served the trucking industry for over 75 years.

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