NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PORT OF TAMPA TARIFF NO. 14

Pursuant to Sections 7 and 19 of Chapter 95-488, Laws of Florida, notice is hereby given that the Tampa Port Authority, d/b/a Port Tampa Bay, will hold a public hearing on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at its offices located at 1101 Channelside Drive, First Floor, Tampa Florida 33602, to hear public comments on proposed changes to the Port of Tampa Tariff No. 14:

Section I, Handling Rates, Item I38 (General Cargo); I47 (Iron, Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, Copper of Lead Articles) and I70 (Project Cargo) – Increase handling rates 4.5%.

Additional information regarding this matter is available online at www.tampaport.com. All written comments and objections regarding this matter should be filed with Port Tampa Bay, Greg Lovelace, Senior Director of Business Development, at 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602 by 12:00 noon on August 26, 2021. Oral comments and objections may be presented at the hearing.

In accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this hearing should call (813) 905-7678 or fax (813) 905-5109 no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OF PORT TAMPA BAY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO HIRE A COURT REPORTER TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 27, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PORT TAMPA BAY TARIFF NO. 14

The Tampa Port Authority, d/b/a Port Tampa Bay, reviews its tariff rates, rules, and regulations annually in the context of its cost of operations and competitive position. Port Tampa Bay staff conducted a thorough analysis of our competitive and financial position, necessary capital requirements, and operational considerations as part of the annual Tariff review process in order to assess and determine whether to propose changes to the Tariff. After extensive analysis, Port Tampa Bay proposes the following changes to Port Tampa Bay Tariff No. 14 (https://www.porttb.com/tariff-information):

Handling fees (Section I). Due to increased labor costs, Port Tampa Bay proposes to increase the marine terminal handling rates by 4.5% for the following commodities: (I38) General Cargo; (I47) Iron, Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, Copper of Lead Articles; and (I70) Project Cargo.

The last increase in terminal handling rates was October 1, 2019.