

September 26, 2005 Electronic Bulletin No. 703 Re: Hurricane Rita Update

To Our Valued Customers,

After assessing damage to the rail infrastructure caused by Hurricane Rita, we anticipate that the UPRR and CSXT will completely the rescind Houston embargo soon. In the meantime, the UPRR will move the existing volume it has in its terminals first, then slowly begin to move the trains that are carrying Houston (Englewood and Settegast) and Barbours Cut volume as the terminals can accept and process them.

As of this writing, the UPRR has officially reopened Houston - Settegast today, Monday, September 26. All West Coast terminals are now open to receive Eastbound containers destined to Houston - Settegast. And Houston - Settegast is open to receive Westbound shipments destined to West Coast locations. Houston - Englewood is still embargoed. This will stay in effect until approximately Wednesday, September 28, at which time the lane should be re-instated but probably under a permit system. As soon as this is official, we will advise specific details.

At first glance, no major track damage occurred to the UPRR main line or at its Houston terminals, but there is much debris in the surrounding area. UPRR staffing is still very skeletal in the greater Houston area as evacuees are slowly making their way back to their homes. Barbours Cut is expected to open tomorrow, Tuesday September 27.

We will keep you advised with more details as we receive them.

We appreciate your patience during these troubling times.

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