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**Re: Hurricane Frances Threatens East Coast of Florida**

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Currently, Hurricane Frances is projected to hit the east coast of Florida as early as 17:00 Friday September 03. Frances remains a category four hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 140 MPH with higher gusts based on recent reports from an Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft. Rainfall amounts of 5 to 10 inches. Storm surge flooding of 6 to 14 feet above normal tide levels can be expected. Many uncertainties remain with regard to the path of the hurricane, and information and plans will be updated as the situation develops.

In anticipation of Hurricane Frances, CSX has placed an embargo on all volume destined to all Florida locations. Pacer volume destined to Florida that originates at non-CSX ramps is not embargoed. However, the CSX has advised that east bound trains will not be accepted at the New Orleans Gateway until further notice. Unsure at this point, if alternate Gateways are an alternative. All Pacer volume currently on the UPRR that interchanges to the CSX at the New Orleans Gateway, regardless of destination, will be held short of New Orleans until the hurricane runs its course. Pacer volume already enroute to Florida destinations on the CSX will continue to move for the next 24 hours.

All Pacer volume billed to non-Florida destinations currently moving on the CSX will continue as normal, subject to any unforeseen change in the path or magnitude of the hurricane and its impact.

CSX ramps in Orlando, Tampa, and Jacksonville are still open and accepting northbound volume. Orlando will close at 17:00 EDT tonight. Tampa will close its inbound gate at 19:00 EDT tonight and its outbound gate at midnight. The last north bound trains from Orlando and Tampa will depart tonight. Early indications are that the Jacksonville, Savannah, and Charleston terminals, as well as CSX Customer Service and Operations will remain open until normal close of business Friday. Assessments will be made Friday AM regarding the possible closure of each.

Additional updates will be provided as information is received from the CSX and the National Hurricane Center.