Rail Customers Hit Hard By Recent Rate Increases



Change in Rail Rates, Costs, and Volumes

(Rates and Costs Adjusted for Inflation)



Troubling Trends Indicate a Serious Market Failure:

- Despite stagnant volumes, freight rail rates have increased significantly since 2000.
- Real rates have risen more than 30% while railroad costs have only increased by 3%.
- Railroad profits per-ton mile climbed sharply by 186% as carriers increased rates and shifted costs to rail customers.
- At the same time, rail volumes stopped increasing and actually decreased by 10% since carload shipments peaked in 2006.

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