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ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF FUEL SURVEY**

July 10, 2008. With seemingly unending fuel price increases, Transport Capital Partners, LLC conducted a recent survey of carriers across the country to see what proactive actions carriers are taking to improve fuel economy and costs.

With speed being the largest area where carriers can save fuel, over 75% of the carriers are limiting speeds to 65 mph or lower, while only 18% have higher speed settings. About half the carriers have some form of a driver mile per gallon incentive plan to reward drivers for achieving higher mpg, reducing idle time or other criteria. Likewise, over half also limit fueling to specified stops. Taking trucks home for time off is not allowed by 42% of the carriers and 40% limit the practice to no more than 50 miles.

Fuel hedging or other price protection was utilized by 11.2% of the carriers for 1-20% of their needs, while 4.8% used these techniques for 20-40% of their needs and only 1.6% used these for over 40% of their needs.

Auxiliary power units (APUs) were used in all units for 6.4% of the carriers, while 19.3% used them for half to 90% of their fleet. Approximately 30% did not report any APU's in use.

Fuel surcharges covering 80-100% of additional fuel costs were reported by 59.6% of the carriers for the last six months.

The demographics of responders were diverse, with a majority of carriers located in the South and Midwest. Half of the respondents had a fleet size of 200 trucks or less, a quarter in the range of 200 to 500 trucks and 20% over 500 trucks.

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