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FMC Investigating Carriers, Terminal Operators for Charging Practices

The Federal Maritime Commission will [begin investigations on detention, demurrage, and per diem charge practices](#) among terminal operators and vessel operating common carriers after holding a vote last week, initially motivated by last year's Petition of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices. FMC Commissioner Rebecca Dye [will lead the nine-month long fact-finding campaign](#), and seeks to address key issues related to billing practices, the alignment of cargo interests, and more.

A two-day hearing was held in mid-January to review testimonies by professionals from the 26 trade associations representing sectors of the ocean freight industry, after the petition [was originally filed in December 2016](#). The petition aimed to interpret section [46 U.S.C. 41102 of the Shipping Act of 1984](#), which provided general prohibitions for: obtaining transportation at less than applicable rates, operating contrary to agreement, and the practices in handling property.



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