



## ILWU and PMA Update

The PMA stated earlier this week that work slowdowns have continued in the Pacific Northwest and skilled labor has still not been dispatched at a sufficient level in southern California. Earlier this week, President Obama said he was confident in the ability of the ILWU and PMA to bargain collectively. Obama has chosen not to step in and mandate a federal mediator at this time. Without a new contract or an extension of the previous contract, there is no grievance procedure in place to quickly arbitrate health and safety claims and work slowdowns. On November 17, the AgTC sent a letter to the President urging him to take action. Read the letter [here](#). As of Thursday, sources reported that talks between chief negotiators of the ILWU and PMA will not resume until December 2. In addition, the ILWU has refused to extend the previous contract as suggested by the PMA last week. However, the ILWU confirmed subcommittee talks, which involves individual port issues, will continue.

## Largest Cargo Ship in History

China Shipping Container Lines is set to unveil the world's largest vessel by the end of the month. The CSCL Globe's enormous size equates to four football fields and has a capacity of 19,100 TEUs.

## Northeast Ports Prepare for Winter

With the first snow piling up in the Northeast, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have issued a winter plan to avoid a repeat of last winter's gridlock. The plan includes measures to speed snow clearance, coordinate terminal closings and provide guidelines for extensions of free storage time. Roadways will also be pre-treated with brine to reduce icing. The port authorities will host planning conferences with industry representatives in advance of each predicted weather event.



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## Unitrans Holiday Hours

Unitrans International offices will be closed all day on November 27, in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal business hours will resume on November 28 at 8:00am.

## December 15<sup>th</sup> GRI

Carriers have announced a general rate increase in the amount of \$800/20', \$1000/40', \$1125/40'HC and \$1266/45' effective December 15, 2014. As always, Unitrans will continue to mitigate these charges and support our customers in any way possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Unitrans account manager.

## Drayage Drivers Continue to Protest

Port truck drivers have expanded their protest efforts over the past week to include additional drayage companies and intermodal rail yards. The protesting drivers have even followed trucks to customer locations and picketed while the trucks were being worked. However, it has been reported that the protests have not affected cargo-handling at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

## Link of the Week

### [What's Next for NAFTA?](#)

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS	
<small>*Holidays do not necessarily indicate close of business*</small>	
November 21	Northern Mariana Islands
November 22	Lebanon
November 23	Georgia, Japan, Mongolia
November 24	Argentina, Japan
November 25	Suriname
November 26	Abkhazia, Norfolk Island, Oman
November 27	Guam, Oman, Puerto Rico, USA, Virgin Islands +

