SECTION 7
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

7-1. Rate Tender Transmission. The below information applies only to rate offer submissions when Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) or Rate Filing Service Providers (RFSPs) are not using the Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) rate filing screens for the creation/addition/deletion of rate offers, but instead are manually creating rate offers to "upload."

7-1.1. ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION.
All electronic rate transmissions submitted in accordance with this Request for Offers (RFO) MUST be accomplished via the "Upload Rate File" function of TMSS within the TMSS HHG Rate Filing module. Non-electronic submissions will not be considered.

7-1.2. FORMAT REQUIREMENTS.
Format requirements, as set out in Section 6 must be strictly adhered to. Submissions received from TSPs or RFSPs not conforming to format requirements will be found unacceptable.

7-1.3. FILE PREPARATION.
In order to upload the file, it must be saved and transmitted as an unformatted ASCII (TEXT ONLY) flat file (i.e. no tab characters, etc.). The file must not have a top, bottom, right, or left margin.
Note: The type of software you will be utilizing will determine what must be done to prepare the file for transmission.

7-1.3.1. File Naming Convention.
This File Naming Convention applies to any initial, new, late, or supplemental rate offer(s) transmitted in accordance with the RFO.

FILE NAME	MAXIMUM POSITIONS	POSTIONS	CONTENTS
Prefix	3	1-3	Must be HHG
TSP's SCAC	4	1-4	**RFSP**: If transmitting rates on behalf of a TSP, enter **TSP's** SCAC. Do not append any characters if the SCAC assigned to you is less than four (4) positions.
Rate File Number	3	5-8	A running serial number starting with 001
Extension			File Extensions will NOT be supported.

Example of filenames:
File name where assigned SCAC has four positions: HHGABCD001 where 'ABCD' is the SCAC

The TSP or RFSP can send one or more files for rate filing. The TSP or RFSP can send one or more rate types in a single file. It is strongly recommended that the number of files be kept to a minimum by combining multiple rate types. Irrespective of the number of files transmitted a 3-digit file number is required.
Examples of multiple filenames for a SCAC:
TSP transmitting only one file: File Name: HHGABCD001
TSP transmitting two files: First File Name: HHGABCD001, Second File Name: HHGABCD002
TSP transmitting three files: First File Name: HHGABCD001, Second File Name: HHGABCD002, Third File Name: HHGABCD003.

If a TSP or RFSP is unsure of their firm's SCAC or code in GSA's CHAMP, contact GSA.

The File Naming Convention identified above MUST be strictly adhered to. If a firm submits multiple rate files on the same day, files named the same will be overwritten; therefore, it is extremely important that files submitted on the same day have different names. Failure to do so will result in the rate offer(s) not being picked up from the TSP's or RFSP's Upload directory

and/or automatic rejection of the rate offer(s). TSPs will not receive email for transmitting files with non-standard file names.

7-1.4. ACCESSING Upload Rate File Function.

In order to access the "Upload Rate File" function, a firm's TMSS Group Administrator must first designate who will have access to this function and grant them access via TMSS. The administrator can do this by selecting the Account Information link from the main screen. This takes them to the Account Info-Update Profile screen, where they can select the User List. They will then be able to select the applicable user(s) and check the "Allow Upload" toggle button from the available menu. They will also need to ensure that the "Rate File" toggle button is also checked. Once access has been granted and the rate filing window has been opened, the specified user(s) will have the UpLoad Rate File Link available from the Review/Edit HHG Rates screen within the HHG Rate Filing Module.

When rate offers are ready for submission, the user will click on the Upload Rate File Link. Java is required to allow for proper loading of the module. If Java is not currently installed on the system, the user will be given a link that will take them to a site for a free download. The user will then need to locate the file and then select it for upload.

7-1.4.1. UPLOAD DIRECTORY ACCESS.

Once the rate offers have been uploaded using the Upload Rate File function, the user may verify that the firm's file was successfully transmitted. If the file doesn't appear in the firm's directory, the user will need to "Upload" the file again. This will only assist in verifying that the firm's rate offer file was transferred successfully and WILL NOT verify that the contents of the firm's rate offer file have been formatted correctly.

To access the firm's own directory, click on the File Download link from the main menu. The user will then be taken to a directory tree. Scroll down to find the firm's folder, which will be identified by its Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC). The user will then be able access the folder and verify that the file(s) are present. NOTE: This will only allow the user to verify that the file is present in the directory. The user will need to follow the provisions of 7-1.5 below to check for error reports and acceptance of rate records in TMSS.

7-1.5. Confirming Rate Transmission.

Everyday during the rate filing window at 10:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm CST, an automated process will search the rate files uploaded that day by TSPs and RFSPs and process them.   An email confirmation acknowledging the receipt and processing of the file will be sent to the TSP's email address OR the RFSP's email address if an RFSP has filed on behalf of the TSP. The email will contain the number of records processed and the number of errors encountered. In order to receive timely notifications on the outcome of file processing it is essential that a correct email address be kept on file. Error files will be generated and placed in the firm's directory and will be named as HHGSCAC999ERR where SCAC is the SCAC of the TSP (Not the RFSP), 999 is the original file number assigned by the TSP or RFSP. TSPs and RFSPs will **not** have an opportunity to correct any errors detected in a file submitted for the last rate offer(s) validation at 10:00pm CST validation on the closing date of ***November 14, 2017 or March 12, 2018.*** Users will need to connect to their directory via the File Download Module, using the instructions referenced in 7-1.4.1 to download the error file(s) if any. TSPs and RFSPs will receive notification of rate filing deficiencies in accordance with Section 1-1.7.