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DESCRIPTION, STENCILING, NUMBERING AND REPORTING OF ARTICULATED AND MULTI-UNIT CARS

TO THE MEMBERS:

An articulated car consists of two or more specially designed units of the same mechanical designation and multi-unit cars consisting of two or more specially equipped cars permanently connected or coupled together in such a manner that they cannot be separated for operation in Interchange service as individual cars. Such cars will be operated under one (1) reporting mark and car number and, therefore, will be considered as one car.

All articulated and multi-unit cars will be reported to the Secretary, Business Service Division, in accordance with the instructions in the [Umler Data Specification Manual](#) and in accordance with Circular No. [OT-24](#)-Series. The original cost and ledger value cost must be the combined costs of all units and, if the units were not built in the same month and year, then the month and year of the oldest unit must be reported.

In addition, these cars must be registered in the Umler file and will be registered in the Car Hire Accounting Rate Master (CHARM) file subject to the instructions contained in the Umler Data Specification Manual.

By direction of,

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