



## Interline Revenue Services

Interline Revenue Services encompasses Interline Freight Settlement, Interline Switching and Freight Overcharge Claims, and is also responsible for the management of several carrier accounts.

### **Interline Freight Settlement:**

When shipments involve two or more line-haul freight carriers, one carrier will typically bill the customer for transportation services provided and the other carrier(s) will receive their portion of the freight revenue from the billing / collecting carrier. The Interline Settlement System (ISS) was designed to allow the North American railroads to:

1. Report revenue waybills.
2. Monitor the settlement process.
3. Distribute information regarding settlement between railroads for rail transportation services.
4. Provide a format through which disputes can be resolved in a fair and timely manner.
5. Engage in the monthly funds transfer between the railroads based on settlement detail exchanged.

### **Interline Switching:**

Interline Switching encompasses intermediate, inter-terminal and reciprocal switching services. Interline switch charges are principally governed by public pricing documents (tariffs) and are settled in accordance with AAR Accounting Rules.

Intermediate switching involves the movement of a car from the interchange track of one connecting carrier to the interchange track of another connecting carrier within the switching limits of the same station, where the switch carrier neither originates or terminates the shipment nor receives line-haul revenue. Inter-terminal switching involves the movement of a car from a plant or industry located on one carrier to a plant or industry located on another carrier when both plants / industries are located within the switching limits of the same station. Reciprocal switching involves the movement of a car from a plant or industry located on one carrier to the point of interchange with a connecting line-haul carrier or vice versa, where the originating / terminating carrier is not entitled to line-haul revenue.

There are currently two industry initiatives that directly impact Interline Switching: SCRS and SSDX-RCH. SCRS (Serving Carrier Reciprocal Switch) is a web-based application that enables carriers to update and retrieve information about customers, serving carriers and reciprocal switch charges in real time. SCRS records include CIF numbers, ensuring the most accurate location data available. The SSDX-RCH (Switching Settlement Data Exchange – Railroad Clearinghouse) initiative offers railroads an automated, standardized way to exchange interline switch billing, thus simplifying and expediting financial settlement between interline carriers.

### **Freight Overcharge Claims:**

Freight Overcharge Claims encompasses closed industry, misroute, relief and ISS claims. As with Interline Freight Settlement and Interline Switching, various time limits apply to these claim types, which result from waybilling, routing and customer freight billing errors.

### **Carrier Accounts Management:**

Responsible for monthly closing, payment, cash application and / or collection processes for the following carrier accounts: Interline Freight Settlement, Interline Switching, Freight Overcharge Claims, Car Hire, Loss & Damage and Joint Facilities.

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