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## "News Flash"

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### POTENTIAL TRUCKER SHUTDOWN

It is rumored, but fairly certain based on the many reports and sources being cited, that there will be some action of a trucker strike or shutdown in protest of the current high fuel prices.

Many truckers are planning to shut down from Tuesday, April 1, to Friday, April 4, 2008. The dates and longevity do vary from source to source, but it appears the general consensus is the 1st through the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The percentage of owner operators compared to company drivers is low in terms of the overall percentage of truckers on the road. It appears that it is the independent truckers, owner operations and small trucking companies that appear to be pushing this threat in hopes of protesting the fuel issue. It is likely that there will be many truckers and larger companies that will go on about their daily business as though nothing is happening.

It has been noted that without the support of the large, major trucking companies, a fuel shut down is likely to go unnoticed, but could create some minor strains in some markets.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact your sales representative or local branch office.

**Sincerely,**

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