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Canadian Forest Products Industry's Transportation Challenges Moving Forward

With 19 member companies, with approximately 120 different mill operations scattered across Canada, the vast majority of which are in remote locations served by only one of the two major railways in Canada, FPAC will present the idea of enhancing rail freight service competition in Canada via the extension of existing interswitching provisions within the Canada Transportation Act (CTA). An Interchange exists when the line of one federal railway company intersects with the line of another federal company and track is available to store empty and loaded cars. Shippers within 30 kilometres of an interchange have access to the second carrier at a regulated Interswitching Rate that is set by the Canadian Transportation Agency (The regulated rate is currently set as the variable cost plus 7.5