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Bayport Container Terminal Gate Hours Extended Due to Growth

HOUSTON – In response to continued growth at Port Houston, gate hours at the Bayport Container Terminal will be extended this fall to provide even higher levels of service to customers.

Effective Oct. 2, hours of operation will expand to 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the in-gate closing at 10 p.m. to allow truck drivers to be served by closing time.

Operating hours at Port Houston's other container facility at Barbours Cut will be phased in at a later date. The hours of operation at both facilities currently are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The in-gate closes at 6 p.m.

Port Houston container volume increased by 14 percent during the first half of 2017, driven mainly by record loaded import growth of 26 percent. Port Houston led the top ten container ports in the U.S. in import growth during that same time. Record regional population growth, Houston's low-cost environment and strategic location have fueled expansion of Houston's import distribution center cluster.

As an operating port, Houston is also proactively expanding hours of operation in response to forecasts that call for additional record growth in coming years, particularly as new petrochemical facilities along the Houston Ship Channel come online and produce more plastic resins.

The Bayport Container Terminal currently averages 5,000 truck transactions per day.

Port Houston is the largest container port on the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, handling nearly 70 percent of all containers that move through the gulf.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals of the Port of Houston – the nation’s largest port for foreign waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the nation. It supports the creation of nearly 1.175 million jobs in Texas and 2.7 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling almost \$265 billion in Texas – 16 percent of Texas’ total gross domestic product – and more than \$617 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the port’s website at PortHouston.com.

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