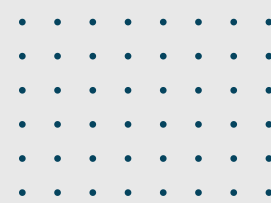




Stabilizing 250+ Daily Freight Invoices Through a Managed Billing and POD Workflow

For a multi-state transportation and logistics company also processing 250+ POD bills daily across document conversion, BOL and reference validation, customer portals, exception handling, two-level QC, and trained backup coverage.



Executive Summary

A multi-state transportation and logistics company needed stronger control over freight billing and shipment documentation that affected billing timeliness, proof-of-delivery completion, customer requirements, and downstream payment readiness.

The workflow was fragmented across handwritten and signed freight documents, customer emails, spreadsheets, portals, BOLs, PODs, and specialized reference rules. Missing shipment details, wait-time thresholds, re-weight discrepancies, and dependence on one employee created billing delays, rework, and continuity risk.

ARDEM created a managed billing and POD workflow with controlled intake, document conversion, invoice categorization, BOL and reference validation, customer portal processing, exception handling, two-level QC, trained backup coverage, and weekly reporting. The model supported 250–300 freight invoices and 300–350 POD bills daily while creating a more repeatable operating cadence for billing execution and exception follow-through.

**250 to
300/day**

Freight invoices

**300 to
350/day**

POD bills

**Four
categories**

Exception routing

**QC +
backups**

Continuity control

Client Situation

The client is a transportation and logistics company operating across multiple states, with freight billing, POD processing, BOL verification, customer-specific portal work, and cross-border shipment documentation requirements.

The workflow included freight invoices, signed shipment documents, handwritten records, BOLs, PODs, spreadsheets, customer emails, and portal-specific billing rules. These inputs had to be reviewed and converted into complete, usable billing documentation before invoices could move forward.

Specialized requirements included purchase-order matching, wait-time analysis, re-weight discrepancy correction, HAWB and MAWB reference validation, customer portal uploads, and routing for invoices that could not follow the standard process.

Key parts of the billing process depended on one employee who held much of the operating knowledge. The client needed a documented model that could maintain daily throughput, apply consistent rules, manage exceptions, and provide trained backup coverage.



The Business Problem

The client needed stronger control over a billing workflow that was spread across manual documents, incomplete customer emails, spreadsheets, customer portals, BOLs, PODs, and special-case billing rules. Missing information or incorrect shipment references could delay billing, require rework, or create customer disputes.

Freight invoices had to be converted into digital PODs, categorized, validated, and routed through the correct customer or portal process. Special cases, non-processable invoices, wait-time thresholds, and re-weight discrepancies required judgment and follow-through before billing could move forward.

The dependency on one employee added another layer of risk. When a complex billing process is understood by only one person, customer billing, payment readiness, exception handling, and process continuity can be disrupted by absence, volume spikes, or system issues.

Without a managed logistics billing lane, the client risked billing delays, inconsistent customer handling, incomplete documentation, missed exceptions, single-person dependency, and limited visibility into what had been processed, what was pending, and what required escalation.

Risk Area	Business Impact
Incomplete shipment details	Billing delays and rework
Single-employee dependency	Continuity risk
Handwritten freight invoices	Documentation control risk
Portal-specific rules	Customer billing friction
Wait-time and re-weight exceptions	Billing accuracy risk

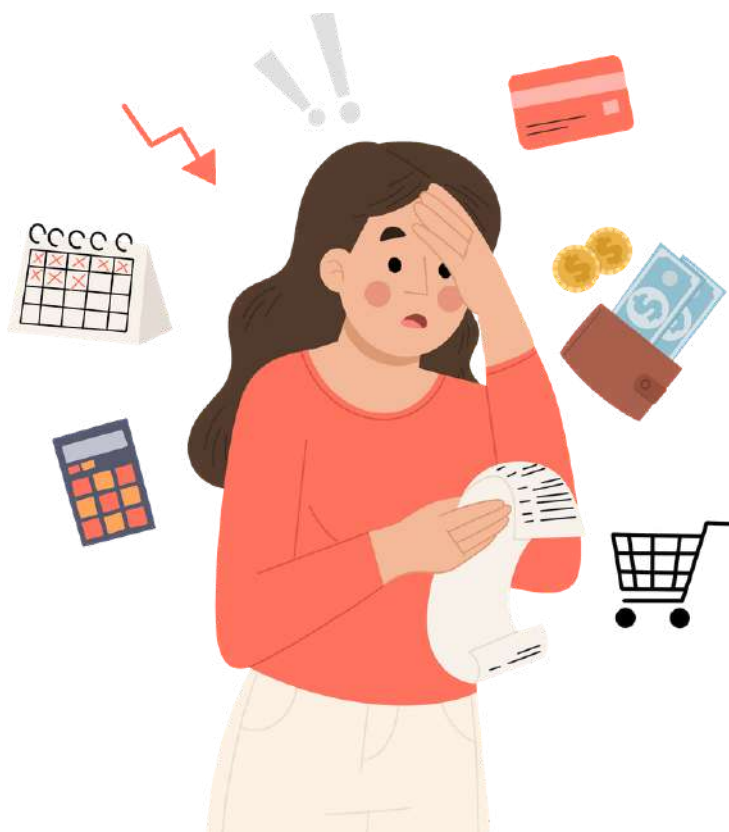
Why the Old Approach Was Not Enough

The client had already identified the need to reduce manual billing work and improve consistency. The challenge was that the workflow was not a simple data entry queue. It required shipment-document interpretation, customer-specific rules, portal processing, validation, exception handling, and recurring visibility.

Adding more internal effort would not remove the single-person dependency or create a repeatable billing control model. The process needed documented handling rules, backup coverage, two-level quality review, exception routing, and recurring reporting.

Software alone would also fall short if source documents remained inconsistent, incomplete, handwritten, or dependent on customer-specific rules. The workflow still required trained human review to validate BOL details, reference numbers, wait-time thresholds, re-weight discrepancies, and non-processable invoices.

The better approach was a managed freight billing and POD processing operating model.



ARDEM's Managed Operating Model

ARDEM managed the workflow as a controlled operating lane connecting intake, document conversion, invoice categorization, BOL and reference validation, customer portal processing, exception handling, quality review, backup coverage, and weekly reporting.

Step	Operating Control	What ARDEM Managed	Why It Mattered
1	Intake and queue control	Organized incoming freight invoices, customer emails, spreadsheets, and portal-based work into a controlled processing queue.	Reduced fragmented handling and improved visibility into billing work.
2	Document conversion and POD creation	Converted handwritten and signed freight invoices into digital POD documents through the client portal workflow.	Created usable billing documentation from manual shipment records.
3	Invoice categorization	Categorized invoices as posted-only, special cases, normal cases, or non-processable items.	Created a clear routing method for standard work and exceptions.
4	BOL and reference validation	Validated BOL details and reference numbers, including HAWB and MAWB checks where required.	Reduced risk of incorrect shipment references and customer billing issues.
5	Customer portal processing	Processed customer-specific portal workflows, including purchase-order matching and portal upload requirements where applicable.	Supported customer billing compliance and reduced manual portal burden.
6	Special-case exception handling	Reviewed wait-time thresholds, re-weight discrepancies, special cases, and non-processable invoices.	Helped keep unresolved exceptions from delaying billing or creating disputes.
7	Quality control and backups	Applied two-level QC with project management, QA support, and trained backups.	Reduced single-person dependency and added review discipline.
8	Monday reporting and governance	Produced weekly Monday reports summarizing invoice categories, customer names, and processed volumes.	Gave the client recurring visibility into processed work and open categories.

Quality, Controls, and Governance

ARDEM created control by organizing freight billing into a repeatable workflow with defined intake, invoice categories, customer-specific handling rules, BOL and reference checks, exception review, quality control, and weekly reporting.

Quality control was supported through a two-level review process with project management and QA oversight reporting 100% accuracy.

Exception handling covered missing customer information, non-processable invoices, special-case billing, reference-number rules, wait-time thresholds, re-weight discrepancies, and portal-specific submission requirements.

Continuity was supported through a project manager, QA team, and trained backups. This helped reduce reliance on one internal employee who had previously carried much of the billing-process knowledge.

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Results and Operating Impact

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More Predictable Daily Freight Invoice Throughput

ARDEM processed 250 to 300 freight invoices daily. This gave the client a more consistent billing execution lane for recurring freight documentation and invoice processing work.

Expanded POD Billing Capacity

ARDEM also processed 300 to 350 POD bills daily. This helped the client move shipment documentation into billable form with more predictable capacity.

Stronger Invoice Categorization and Exception Routing

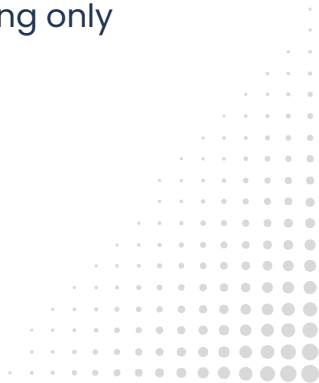
Invoices were categorized as posted-only, special cases, normal cases, or non-processable items. This gave the workflow a clear routing structure for standard processing and exception handling.

Better BOL and Reference Validation

ARDEM validated freight bill and BOL details, including HAWB and MAWB reference checks where required. This reduced the risk of incorrect shipment references creating billing delays or customer disputes.

More Consistent Customer-Specific Portal Processing

ARDEM supported specialized customer portal requirements, purchase-order matching, wait-time analysis, and re-weight discrepancy handling. This helped the client manage customer-specific billing rules without relying only on internal staff knowledge.



Lower Single-Person Dependency

The model included project management, QA support, and trained backups. This helped reduce continuity risk created by reliance on one employee who fully understood the billing process.

Weekly Billing Visibility

Monday reports summarized invoice categories, customer names, and processed volumes. This gave the client recurring visibility into billing work completed, categories handled, and items requiring attention.

Operating Impact Summary

The client gained a more stable freight billing and POD processing workflow built around controlled intake, document conversion, invoice categorization, BOL and reference validation, customer portal processing, exception handling, two-level QC, trained backup coverage, and weekly reporting.

The value was more than moving data from one place to another. ARDEM helped create a managed logistics billing cadence that supported billing timeliness, documentation control, customer-specific rule handling, reduced single-person dependency, and better visibility into processed and exception items.



Buyer Takeaway

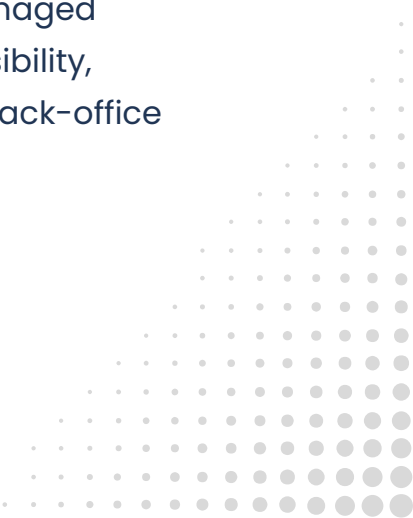
For CFOs, Controllers, COOs, logistics leaders, transportation billing leaders, freight audit leaders, and settlement operations leaders, this case study shows why freight billing and POD processing should be managed as a logistics operations workflow, not only as a data entry task.

When this workflow is not controlled, shipment documents can remain incomplete, billing can slow, customer portal rules can be missed, exceptions can sit unresolved, and too much process knowledge can remain concentrated with one employee.

ARDEM helps companies create a managed operating model around intake, document conversion, invoice categorization, BOL validation, portal execution, exception handling, quality review, backup coverage, and weekly visibility. This is especially relevant for logistics companies with freight billing complexity, POD and BOL processing, customer-specific rules, and single-person dependency.

Review Your Freight Billing Control Gaps

ARDEM can help review where your freight billing and shipment documentation workflow may be losing visibility, consistency, or control across invoice intake, POD creation, BOL validation, customer portal processing, exception handling, quality review, and reporting. The goal is to identify where a managed operating model can reduce manual burden, improve billing visibility, strengthen exception handling, and support scalable logistics back-office execution.

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FAQ Section

1. What workflow did ARDEM manage for the logistics company?

ARDEM managed a controlled freight billing and shipment documentation workflow. The work included invoice intake, POD creation, invoice categorization, BOL and reference validation, customer portal processing, special-case handling, re-weight and wait-time review, two-level QC, trained backup coverage, and weekly Monday reporting.

2. What business problem did ARDEM help solve?

The client had a fragmented billing workflow across manual documents, customer emails, spreadsheets, portals, and customer-specific rules. Incomplete shipment details, handwritten freight invoices, and reliance on one employee created billing delays, rework risk, and continuity concerns.

3. How did ARDEM create control over the workflow?

ARDEM created control by organizing work into invoice categories, converting freight invoices into digital PODs, validating BOL and reference details, managing portal-specific requirements, handling exceptions, applying two-level QC, and reporting processed volumes and categories each week.

4. How did ARDEM handle exceptions?

ARDEM handled exceptions such as missing customer data, non-processable invoices, special cases, reference-number rules, wait-time thresholds, and re-weight discrepancies. These items were routed through defined review, correction, upload, or escalation steps depending on the issue.

5. Did ARDEM use automation in this case study?

Automation-assisted data capture and portal-based processing, but the most supported story is a human-in-the-loop workflow with trained review, validation, QC, and exception handling. The case should not be presented as a software-only automation story.



FAQ Section

6. What operating impact was reported?

ARDEM processed 250 to 300 freight invoices daily and 300 to 350 POD bills daily. ARDEM also reduced single-person dependency through trained backup coverage, supported customer-specific portal requirements, and provided weekly visibility through Monday reporting.



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