

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the proposed increased rates )  
filed by the MICHIGAN MOVERS AND )  
WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION. )  
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Case No. T-1296

At the July 10, 1997 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman  
Hon. John C. Shea, Commissioner  
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner

**SUSPENSION ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

On June 18, 1997, the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association (MMWA) filed revisions to Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 that incorporated a proposed 7% general rate increase, effective on August 2, 1997. Justification for the proposed increase was submitted at the time the tariff sheets were filed. The Commission Staff reviewed the justification.

The MMWA's submission raises concerns that the proposed rates may not be just and reasonable. Pursuant to MCL 479.6a; MSA 22.571(1), the Commission finds that the effective date of the proposed rate increase should be suspended to permit the Commission to investigate whether the proposed rate increase is justified and to conduct a hearing on the matter.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1933 PA 254, as amended, MCL 475.1 et seq.; MSA 22.531 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACRS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. In light of the concerns arising from the proposed rate increase, the effective date of the proposed tariff should be postponed until October 1, 1997 so that the Commission may have an opportunity to investigate whether the proposed tariff should be permitted to take effect.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The August 2, 1997 effective date of the proposed rate increase filed by the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association on June 18, 1997 is postponed until October 1, 1997, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

B. The rates and tariffs presently in effect for the members of the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association shall remain in effect during the period that the proposed rates are suspended.

C. The Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association and its member carriers shall accomplish the mandate of this order upon less than statutory notice. The following notation must be shown in connection with the issued and effective dates of the documents issued pursuant to this order:

Issued upon less than statutory notice under authority of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Docket T-1296, dated July 10, 1997.

D. The Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association and its member carriers shall fully justify the proposed increase in rates at a hearing before the Commission. An initial hearing in the nature of a prehearing conference will be held July 22, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, Michigan.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand

Chairman

( S E A L )

/s/ John C. Shea

Commissioner

/s/ David A. Svanda

Commissioner

By its action of July 10, 1997.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman

Its Executive Secretary