

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the proposed increased rates)
filed by the **MICHIGAN MOVERS AND**)
WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.)
_____)

Case No. T-1425

At the August 16, 2001 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Laura Chappelle, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

SUSPENSION ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

On July 24, 2001, the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association (MMWA) filed revisions to Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 that incorporated a proposed 6% rate increase on the intrastate shipment of household goods, effective on September 7, 2001. Justification for the proposed increase was submitted at the time the tariff sheets were filed. The Commission Staff review is underway.

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 AACCS, 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 15, 2001 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 September 7, 2001 effective date of the proposed rate increase filed by the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association on July 24, 2001 is postponed until October 15, 2001, 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-1425, dated August 16, 2001.

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. A prehearing

conference will be held August 30, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, Michigan. Because the Commission will read the record in this proceeding, a proposal for decision will not be necessary.

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Laura Chappelle
Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of August 16, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated August 16, 2001 suspending the effective date of the rate increase requested by the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen’s Association until October 15, 2001 and setting a hearing, as set forth in the order.”