

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the proposed rate increase)	
filed by the MICHIGAN MOVERS AND)	Case No. T-1425
WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.)	
_____)	

At the October 11, 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

OPINION AND ORDER

On July 24, 2001, the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association (MMWA) filed an application for a general rate increase of 6% for Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 (Tariff 4000) with an effective date of September 7, 2001. Justification for the proposed increase was submitted at that time, along with revised tariff sheets.

On August 16, 2001, following a review of the MMWA's filings, the Commission issued a suspension order and notice of hearing in order to investigate whether the proposed rate increase would result in just and reasonable rates.

Administrative Law Judge Daniel E. Nickerson, Jr., conducted a hearing on September 17, 2001. The MMWA and the Commission Staff (Staff) participated in the proceedings. Subsequently, the parties submitted a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case.

According to the settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, the MMWA should be authorized to increase rates charged under Tariff 4000 by 3.25%. The MMWA and the Staff state that this increase is necessary to cover increased labor and non-labor expenses. They further agree that no net revenue enhancement will arise from approval of the settlement agreement and that the MMWA will not seek another change in rates with an effective date before September 1, 2002.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1933 PA 254, as amended, MCL 475.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACRS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.
- c. The 3.25% general rate increase for Tariff 4000 should become effective upon one day's notice following issuance of this order.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is approved.
- B. The rates for service rendered by the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association members pursuant to Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 shall be increased by 3.25% upon one day's notice following issuance of this order.

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

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Laura Chappelle
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of October 11, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated October 11, 2001 approving the settlement agreement and authorizing the members of the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen’s Association to increase their rates by 3.25%, as set forth in the order.”