

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the proposed rate increase	)	
filed by the <b>MICHIGAN MOVERS AND</b>	)	Case No. T-1506
<b>WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.</b>	)	
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At the November 7, 2002 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 September 6, 2002, the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's Association (MMWA) filed an application for a general rate increase of 5% for Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 (Tariff 4000) with an effective date of October 21, 2002. Justification for the proposed increase was submitted at that time, along with revised tariff sheets.

On October 3, 2002 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 James N. Rigas conducted a hearing on October 17, 2002. 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%. 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.

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 AACS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.
- c. The 3% 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% 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 November 7, 2002.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated November 7, 2002 approving the settlement agreement and authorizing the members of the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen’s Association to increase their rates by 3%, as set forth in the order.”