

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the proposed rate increase)	
filed by the MICHIGAN MOVERS ASSOCIATION.)	Case No. T-1660
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At the January 25, 2005 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chair
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner

ORDER

On October 27, 2004, the Michigan Movers Association (MMA) filed an application in which it proposed an increase in its rate for intrastate shipment of household goods outside of the Detroit commercial zone by 12%, effective December 13, 2004. Justification for the proposed increase was submitted at that time, along with revised tariff sheets.

On November 23, 2004, following a review of the MMA filings, pursuant to MCL 479.6a, 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.

On December 14, 2004, Administrative Law Judge Mark E. Cummins conducted a hearing, and the MMA 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 MMA should be authorized to increase rates charged under Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 by 6.4%. The MMA and the Staff state that this increase is necessary to cover increased labor and non-labor expenses.

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, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.
- c. The 6.4% general rate increase for Tariff MPSC MMW 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 Association members pursuant to Tariff MPSC MMW 4000 shall be increased by 6.4% upon one day's notice following issuance of this order.
- C. The Michigan Movers Association shall, within 30 days, file a revised tariff sheet that is consistent with this order.

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark

Chair

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/s/ Robert B. Nelson

Commissioner

/s/ Laura Chappelle

Commissioner

By its action of January 25, 2005.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

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