

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Steven Halsey dba Blair Moving, Blair, Nebraska seeking to extend his authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods to points within a 100-mile radius of Blair over irregular routes. ) APPLICATION NO. M-14109  
) SUPPLEMENT 1  
) GRANTED AS AMENDED  
) ENTERED: OCTOBER 28, 1997

APPEARANCES: For the Applicant:  
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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed July 7, 1997, Steven Halsey dba Blair Moving, of Blair, Nebraska, seeks authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods to points within a 100-mile radius of Blair over irregular routes. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record on July 8, 1997, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. Protests to the application were filed by Star Warehousing Co., Gordon Moving & Storage Co., Inc., Chieftain Van Lines, Inc., and Andrews Van Lines, Inc. Hearing on the application was held on September 24, 1997, at Blair with appearances as shown.

Applicant produced seven witnesses in support of his application.

Bob Larson testified: Applicant performed household goods moving for him when he had a certificate to transport general freight. Applicant is very competent.

Brad Taylor testified: Applicant has performed household goods moving services for him and he is very satisfied with the service. There is a need for the service applicant requests.

Karen Nannen testified: She is employed by Huntel Telephone Systems Inc. Mr. Halsey's limited service area poses a problem for new employees who would like to use his service to move to Blair. In the last couple of years 12 to 18 people moved to Blair from further than 50 miles from Blair.

Richard Hansen testified: He has used the applicant to haul household goods and found the service to be excellent. It would be in the public interest to have a mover with authority to move beyond 15 miles.

Patty Plugge testified: She is Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Gateway Development Corporation. Job growth in Blair is projected to grow at 2.9 percent between now and the year 2000. Blair needs a local mover to move people into Blair. Mr. Halsey needs to expand his authority to include Omaha, Fremont and beyond.

Dale Miller testified: He owns a furniture store. He has used the applicant to haul furniture for him. He delivers to Bancroft, Fremont, Gretna, Elkhorn and other communities including south Omaha. He needs a carrier to haul household goods beyond 15 miles.

Steve Halsey testified: He has operated as Blair Moving for three and one-half years. Prior to that he was an employee of Blair Transfer for nearly eight years. His business is getting larger and larger. He has already done more business in 1997 than he did in all of last year. The phone is ringing off the hook. He has to turn down business for lack of authority.

Each of the protestants testified against the application; however, following the hearing, the applicant requested that his application be amended to movement of household goods between points within a 100-mile radius of Blair and destination points or origin points in Washington or Burt County. With the filing of that amendment, the protestants withdrew their protests.

From the evidence adduced and being fully informed in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

1. Applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the extended service and to conform to the provisions of Sections 75-301 to 75-322.04, R.R.S. 1943, as amended, and the requirements, rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
2. The proposed extension of applicant's present intrastate service is or will be required by the present or future public convenience and necessity to the following extent:

#### CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED

##### SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:

- \* Transportation of household goods between points within a 100-mile radius of Blair and points in Washington or Burt Counties.

3. The application should be granted as amended.

#### O R D E R

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. M-14109, Supplement 1 be, and it is hereby, granted as amended; and that upon compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity shall be issued to Steven Halsey, dba Blair Moving, Blair, Nebraska, in Application M-14109, Supplement 1 authorizing the operations set forth in the foregoing findings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall render reasonably continuous and adequate service to the public pursuant to the authority authorized.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorized shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations which have been, or may hereafter be, prescribed by the Commission.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of October, 1997.

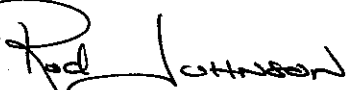
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:




//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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