

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Movers & Warehouse Division, Nebraska Trucking Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to amend Official Household Goods Tariff 7-F.

) Application Nos. MR-1000
) and MR-1001
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) Granted
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In the Matter of Movers & Warehouse Division, Nebraska Trucking Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to amend Official Intracity Household Goods Tariff 22.

) Entered: August 13, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On April 5, 2002, Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Trucking Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend Official Household Goods Tariff 7-F as follows:

1. (Increase) Increase all rates and charges ten percent (10%) rounded up to the next ten cents (\$.10).
2. (Exception) No increase for:
 - A. Item 1340, Valuation Charges
 - B. Item 1350, Full Value Protection Charges.

On April 5, 2002, Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Trucking Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend Official Intracity Household Goods Tariff 22 as follows:

1. (Amend) Section 3, Item 1000, Labor Charges:
 - A. Omaha Area, Standard Hourly Rates: Range \$25 to \$35 per hour. Note: This rate must be within the range of rates prescribed by the Commission in whole dollar increments.
 - B. All Other Areas of Nebraska, Standard Hourly Rates: Range \$18 to \$32 per hour. New Note: The rate must be within the range of rates prescribed by the Commission in whole dollar increments. (Amend) Note 3, c, to read: The effective date of change will occur ten (10) days after the Commission receives the request.
 - C. Delete Optional Peak Season Hourly Rates.

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2. (Increase) Section 3, Item 1100, Packing Container Charges:
 - A. Increase all container charges ten percent (10%) rounded up to the next ten cents (\$.10).

3. (Amend) Section 4, Transportation Rates:
 - A. Change Standard Hourly Rate, as follows:

Description	Proposed Rate
Labor:	
Per hour/per person, Omaha Area	\$25.00 to \$35.00
Per hour/per person, all other Areas	\$18.00 to \$25.00
Vehicle:	
Per hour, Omaha Area	\$25.00 to \$35.00
Per hour, all other Areas	\$18.00 to \$25.00

- B. Note: The rate must be within the range of rates prescribed by the Commission in whole dollar increments. (Amend) Note 3, c, to read: The effective date of change will occur ten (10) days after the Commission receives the request.

4. (Amend) Section 4, Transportation Rates:
 - A. Delete Optional Peak Season Hourly Rates.

5. (Increase) Section 4, Transportation Rates:
 - A. Optional Packing Charges: Increase labor charge per container ten percent (10%) rounded up to the next ten cents (\$.10).

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 16, 2002, pursuant to the Commission's rules. No protests to the application were filed. A hearing on the application was held on August 7, 2002, in the Commission Library, Lincoln.

Mr. Ed Schneider, Mr. Dennis Bauder, Mr. Earl VonRentzell, Mr. Jonathan Fixley, Mr. Chris Fixley and Ms. Eileen Marrison testified in support of the application. Mr. Schneider testified that they requested the rate increase because of increased expenses. The last rate increase in Tariff 7F and Tariff 22 was granted in 1999. Since that time, the industry's labor expenses, insurance expenses and other overhead expenses increased significantly. In support of this position, Mr. Schneider provided eight affidavits from intrastate household goods movers detailing their average increase in operation expenses since 1999. Mr. Schneider further provided that even with the proposed rate increase, intrastate moves will be

significantly less costly than interstate moves based upon the same weight and mileage.¹

Mr. Jonathan Fixley testified that it was a very difficult time for the industry. It was increasingly difficult for movers to make a profit.

In support of the proposed Intracity Tariff increase in Nebraska Tariff 22, Mr. Schneider testified that they appreciate the ability to have a price range. The range provides them with flexibility. The higher part of the rate bracket is becoming saturated and an increase in the cap is necessary for the industry making local moves to make a profit in an increasingly competitive environment.

From the evidence adduced, and being fully informed in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted effective August 23, 1999.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective August 23, 2002, Official Household Goods Tariff 7-F, be, and it is hereby, amended as follows:

1. (Increase) Increase all rates and charges ten percent (10%) rounded up to the next ten cents (\$.10).
2. (Exception) No increase for:
 - A. Item 1340, Valuation Charges
 - B. Item 1350, Full Value Protection Charges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective August 23, 2002, Official Household Goods Tariff 22, be, and it is hereby, amended as follows:

1. (Amend) Section 3, Item 1000, Labor Charges:
 - A. Omaha Area, Standard Hourly Rates: Range \$25 to \$35 per hour. Note: This rate must be within the range of rates prescribed by the Commission in whole dollar increments.
 - B. All Other Areas of Nebraska, Standard Hourly Rates: Range \$18 to \$32 per hour. New Note: The rate must be within the range of rates prescribed by the Commission in whole dollar increments. (Amend) Note 3, c, to read: The effective date of change will

¹ See Exhibit 3.

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occur ten (10) days after the Commission receives the request.

C. Delete Optional Peak Season Hourly Rates.

2. (Increase) Section 3, Item 1100, Packing Container Charges:

A. Increase all container charges ten percent (10%) rounded up to the next ten cents (\$.10).

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Per hour, Omaha Area	\$25.00 to \$35.00
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B. Note: The rate must be within the range of rates prescribed by the Commission in whole dollar increments. (Amend) Note 3, c, to read: The effective date of change will occur ten (10) days after the Commission receives the request.

4. (Amend) Section 4, Transportation Rates:

A. Delete Optional Peak Season Hourly Rates.

5. (Increase) Section 4, Transportation Rates:

A. Optional Packing Charges: Increase labor charge per container ten percent (10%) rounded up to the next ten cents (\$.10).

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of August 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Frank E. Landis

Anne C. Boyle

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Anne Boyle
Chair

ATTEST:

Andrew Pollack
Executive Director