

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. MR-1009/
Public Service Commission, on) PI-70
Its own motion, initiating an)
Investigation on range)
Uniformity in the Official)
Intracity Household Goods) ORDER
Tariff 22, and to develop)
Procedures for efficiently)
Processing household goods)
mover tariff amendments.) ENTERED: OCTOBER 29, 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission initiated this investigation on January 28, 2003. The Commission set a process for it to determine, on an annual basis, whether any adjustment is to be made in the household goods movers Tariffs 7 and 22.

The Commission sent out affidavits, of which six were returned from the industry. After receipt of the affidavits, the Commission determined that a hearing in this matter should be held on August 14, 2013. Notice of the hearing was sent to all interested parties on March 20, 2013. A hearing was held on August 14, 2013, in the Commission hearing room in Lincoln.

One representative from the household goods movers industry, Luke Taylor, was present for the hearing in Lincoln but did not testify. No other individuals or representatives either in favor of or against the subject matter of the hearing appeared.

Mark Breiner, Director of the Motor Transportation Department of the Commission, stated for the record that the Commission received six affidavits from the industry in this matter. They were received as Exhibit 2. An examination of the affidavits show that there were three companies reporting essentially no increase in any of their insurance costs, while two others reported very minor increases in these expenses. One company did report significant increases in their property insurance and their umbrella policy, but the all other increases were less than

ten percent. Overall, it appears that additional cost increases, if any, have in general been modest.

Mr. Breiner introduced Exhibit 3. Exhibit 3 is information from the federal government tracking inflation data. This information shows that the Consumer Price Index has increased 3.45% in the two years since the granting of an increase in the tariff by the Commission in 2011.

Mr. Dennis Leslie, President of the Household Goods Movers Division of the Nebraska Trucking Association, filed a letter that was received by the Commission as Late Filed Exhibit 4. In that letter, Mr. Leslie stated that it was his position that the Commission should keep the current tariff levels as they are and not make any changes to it.

The Commission is of the opinion that an increase in the tariff is not warranted at this time. Most costs incurred by the moving companies have remained stable over the past two years. There does not appear to be any cause to make a change in the tariff at this time

From the evidence adduced, and being fully informed in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds That Tariff 7F and Tariff 22 will remain unchanged.

O R D E R

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Tariff 7F and Tariff 22 will remain unchanged.

The adopted affidavits will be sent out to all certificated carriers by January 24, 2014. The affidavits are to be returned to the Commission by February 24, 2014. The Commission will then hold any hearings that are determined to be necessary in March or April of 2014.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day
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Chair

ATTEST:

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//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Frank E. Landis