## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska	)	Application No. MR-1021/PI-210
Public Service Commission, on	)	
its own motion, seeking to	)	
investigate the efficacy of	)	
the Official Household Goods	)	ORDER SETTING RATES
Tariff 7F and Official	)	
Intracity Household Goods	)	
Tariff 22 and evaluate	)	
potential changes to the	)	
tariff system.	)	Entered: July 31, 2018

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 28, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, opened the above-captioned docket to discuss potential changes to the Official Household Goods Tariff 7F and Official Intracity Household Goods Tariff 22. Two workshops were held with industry members to discuss potential changes to the two tariffs. On April 24, 2018, the Commission entered an order scheduling a hearing for May 16, 2018. Notice of the hearing was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, on April 12, 2018.

A hearing was held on May 30, 2018, in the Commission Hearing Room. Ms. Jamie Reyes and Ms. Ellie Rohr appeared on behalf of Commission staff, and Mr. Lee Saltzgaber made a statement on behalf of Heartland Moving. Commission Exhibits one through ten were entered into evidence.

### EVIDENCE

Ms. Jamie Reyes, Director of the Motor Transportation Department, testified on behalf of Commission staff. Ms. Reyes testified that the industry had expressed interest in conducting a substantive review of the household goods movers tariffs beyond the annual review that had been conducted by the Commission in the past.<sup>1</sup>

In regards to the Tariff 7F, Ms. Reyes testified that several items were proposed to be eliminated or simplified. Ms. Reyes also stated that there were items that were tabled for future discussion, such as Item 1000 additional transportation charges, Item 1140 empty mileage, and discounts. In regards to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hrg. Trans. 5:1-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id. At 18-21.

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the Tariff 22, Ms. Reyes testified that the corporate city limit applicable to the Tariff was expanded from five miles to 15 miles. Ms. Reyes also testified that any forms, such as the Bill of Lading, would be synced as much as possible between the Tariff 7F and Tariff 22. Ms. Reyes stated that some sections that were synced in the Tariff 22 from the Tariff 7F were going to be removed from the final tariff, as the additions do not apply, as well as other items to be amended or removed. Upon questions from Commissioners, Ms. Reyes stated that she felt that the proposed tariff changes would help make the tariffs easier for carriers to follow and consumers to understand. 5

Mr. Lee Saltzgaber made a statement on behalf of Heartland Moving. Mr. Saltzgaber reiterated the proposals described by Ms. Reyes, and also discussed a change to Item 1060 in the Tariff 7F from an hourly rate to a bi-weekly basis. Mr. Saltzgaber stated that Item 270, with the addition of an "as-is" provision, takes out any ambiguity and creates fewer questions for the consumer.

# OPINIONS AND FINDINGS

The Commission opened the above-captioned docket to investigate and propose any overall changes to the Official Household Goods Tariff 7F and Official Intracity Tariff 22.

Based on the comments received during the workshops, several changes were proposed in both tariffs. As no new changes were proposed at the hearing, all proposed changes will be adopted and attached as Appendices A and B. Any corrections that were discovered and discussed at the May 16, 2018 hearing will be incorporated into the document. All proposed changes will be effective August 1, 2018. Carriers can expect to receive an official published copy of each tariff within 30 days of the entry of this order. Hourly rates and line haul charges will be entered in a separate order, as those charges were discussed in Docket MR-1022/PI-216.

The official published copy of the Tariffs will be made available to industry members in the manner in which they

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hrg. Transc. 6:25-7:8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Hrg. Transc. 7:8-18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Hrg. Transc. 9:12-11:2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Hrg. Transc. 13:6-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Hrg. Transc. 14:1-15:7.

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regularly receive Tariff updates. If a carrier ordinarily receives electronic Tariff updates and would prefer to receive a paper copy, one may be requested by email from ellie.rohr@nebraska.gov or via phone at 402-471-4570.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the proposed changes within Tariff 7F and Tariff 22 shall be, and are hereby, adopted as provided in Appendices A and B.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the changes shall be effective August 1, 2018.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $31^{\rm st}$  day of July, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis //s//Mary Ridder