

MEMORANDUM

August 11, 2003

TO: Gene Eckhardt, Regulatory Services Assistant Director,
Transportation and Water Section

FROM: Bonnie L. Allen, Regulatory Analyst

SUBJECT: Household Goods Carrier Permit – Acquisition of Control
Application No. P-79179 Docket No. TV-030863

Applicant: Martin R. Johnson, President, 100 percent shareholder

Tacoma Moving & Storage, Co. HG-90
1616 East 26th Street
Tacoma, WA 98421-2602

Discussion

On June 5, 2003, Martin R. Johnson and Tacoma Moving & Storage, Co. filed joint Application No. P-79179 to acquire control of Household Goods Carrier Permit No. HG-90. Application No. P-79179 appeared on the Commission's June 16, 2003, application docket subject to comment for 30 days. No comments were received.

Under the exceptions to the application process contained in WAC 480-15-260 the Commission will grant an application to acquire control of permanent authority (without temporary operations) when control is being transferred to a shareholder familiar with the company's operations and the household goods moving services provided.

Mr. James H. Wiborg and Mr. Martin A. Johnson were each 50% owners of Tacoma Moving and Storage Co. Mr. Wiborg is retiring and his interest in the corporation has been purchased by Mr. Johnson. In addition to being the co-owner Mr. Johnson has been the managing partner of Tacoma Moving & Storage Co., for over twenty years.

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Tacoma Moving & Storage Co., filed its 2002 annual report and paid 2003 regulatory fees based on \$115,231 in revenue generated under its permit in calendar year 2002.

Tacoma Moving & Storage Co., is registered with Secretary of State as a Washington corporation, has a valid UBI number and active tax, unemployment insurance, and industrial insurance accounts.

Recommendation:

This is an uncontested application for acquisition of control of an existing household goods permit and therefore, no hearing is required. There are no other outstanding issues that suggest staff should ask the Commission to set the application for hearing on its own motion.

I recommend that Licensing Staff prepare an order granting Application P-79179 allowing Martin R. Johnson to acquire control of Permit No. HG-90 held by Tacoma Moving & Storage Co.