

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-79165 Docket No. TV-030920

Applicant: Marele Thorne, President, 100 percent shareholder

Kennewick Transfer & Storage, Inc., HG-8147  
1523 A Fowler Street  
Richland, WA 99352

Discussion

On May 2, 2003, Marele Thorne and Kennewick Transfer & Storage, Inc. filed joint Application No. P-79165 to acquire control of Household Goods Carrier Permit No. HG-8147. Application No. P-79165 appeared on the Commission's June 23, 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. Ralph Thorne was 100% owner of Kennewick Transfer & Storage, Inc., until he retired for health reasons. Mr. Thorne has transferred his interest in the corporation to Marele Thorne. Ralph Thorne trained Marele and Dennis Thorne to help them understand the way things have run for the prior 33 years. Marele and Dennis Thorne have been operating Kennewick Transfer & Storage, Inc., since 1996.

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Kennewick Transfer and Storage, Inc., now consists of:

Marele Thorne, President, with 100% interest

Lucas Thorne, Vice President, with 0% interest

Dennis Thorne, Secretary, 0% interest

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

Kennewick Transfer & Storage, Inc., 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-79165 allowing Marele Thorne to acquire control of Permit No. HG-8147 held by Kennewick Transfer & Storage, Inc.