

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Amending) DOCKET TV-121197
Washington Utilities and)
Transportation Commission) ORDER 01
Tariff 15-C, Relating to Intrastate)
Transportation of Household Goods) ORDER DENYING PROPOSED
) REVISIONS TO TARIFF 15-C,
) ITEM 85; APPROVING PROPOSED
.....) REVISIONS TO TARIFF 15-C, ITEM 95

BACKGROUND

- 1 RCW 81.80.150 assigns certain duties and responsibilities to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for tariffs that apply to intrastate transportation of household goods. These duties include amending, altering and reissuing tariffs when changes are approved by the Commission.
- 2 The Commission published Tariff 15-C, which applies to the intrastate transportation of household goods, effective February 1, 2008. In the current docket, TV-121197, the Washington Mover’s Conference (WMC) proposes to amend Tariff 15-C, Page 13 (Item 85), to include language previously considered by the Commission at its July 12, 2012, Open Meeting in Docket TV-120835. In addition, the WMC proposes to amend Tariff 15-C, Page 20 (Item 95).
- 2 On July 27, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Submit Written Comments (Notice) in Docket TV-121197. The Notice described the proposed changes and asked for written comments no later than August 10, 2012. The Commission received no comments.
- 3 Staff recommends that the Commission deny the proposed revisions to Tariff 15-C, Page 13 (Item 85) that it previously considered, and approve the proposed revisions to Tariff 15-C, Page 20 (Item 95) as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington required by statute to compile, publish and distribute tariffs containing rates, charges, classifications, rules and regulations to be used by all common carriers. *RCW 81.80.150.*

- 5 (2) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
September 27, 2012.
- 6 (3) After review and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the tariff applying
to the transportation of household goods in the state of Washington should be amended in
part as Commission Staff recommends.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) The proposed revisions to Household Goods Tariff 15-C, Item 85, are denied.
- 8 (2) Effective September 28, 2012, the proposed revisions to Household Goods Tariff 15-C,
Item 95, attached to this order and by this reference made a part of the order, are adopted
for use by all carriers transporting household goods in the state of Washington that are
subject to Commission regulation.

The Commissioners have delegated authority to the Secretary to enter this Order pursuant to
RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-904(1)(a).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment 1: Revised Page Proposed in TV-121197

Changes are identified in red-line.

ITEM 95 – BILLS OF LADING

SECTION 4. (A) The customer must pay all legal charges. (B) If the carrier is required to refer this contract for collection of charges due to an attorney, shipper agrees to pay reasonable attorney fees and collection costs. (C) If this contract is referred to a court for resolution, the losing party shall be responsible for payment of the other party's reasonable attorney fees and court costs. (D) The customer shall be responsible to indemnify the carrier ~~for any~~ against loss or damage caused by inclusion in the shipment of explosives, dangerous articles, or dangerous goods.

[Section omitted]

SECTION 6. To receive compensation for a claim for loss, damage, overcharge, injury or delay, the customer must file a written claim with the carrier within nine months after delivery. In the case of failure to make delivery, the claim must be filed within nine months after a reasonable time for delivery has elapsed. Claims must contain sufficient information to identify the property involved. A copy of the original paid transportation bill, bill of lading contract or shipping receipt ~~should~~ must accompany the written claim.