

MEMORANDUM

May 19, 2006

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

FROM: Lori D. Kanz, Regulatory Analyst *LDK*

SUBJECT: Household Goods Carrier Permit
Application No. P-79304 Docket No. TV-041760

Peter A. Clarke
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3100 Falk Road #D-13
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I agree.
[Signature]

Discussion

On August 23, 2004, Commission Motor Carrier Safety staff contacted Mr. Peter A. Clarke d/b/a Clarke's Piano & Furniture Moving in regards to a complaint that the company was an unregistered household goods mover. On September 9, 2004, Clarke's Piano & Furniture Moving filed Application No. P-79397 requesting permanent household goods authority.

The Commission granted the company temporary authority subject to conditions pending a decision on its application for permanent authority. The company has operated under Household Goods Carrier Permit No. HG-61515 since October 11, 2004.

Application No. P-79304 appeared on the Commission's October 11, 2004, application docket subject to comment for no less than 180 days while the company conducted operations under its temporary authority. No comments were received.

Under the provisions of WAC 480-15-330 the Commission will grant or deny an application for permanent authority after conducting a complete review of the application filing, supporting statements, reports, or other information necessary to determine fitness, public interest, and current or future public convenience and necessity.

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Mr. Peter A. Clarke, owner of Clarke's Piano & Furniture Moving, has worked in the household goods moving industry for six years. He has not been convicted of a Class A or B felony or previously been denied authority based on fitness. Clarke's Piano & Furniture Moving holds a valid UBI number with tax registration.

Compliance staff worked with the company providing technical assistance during its temporary operations. Investigator Bruce Grimm completed a Safety Compliance Review and a Household Goods Technical Assistance and Records Review Checklist. Investigator Grimm found the company in general compliance and on January 13, 2006, he recommended the applicant be considered for permanent authority.

During the period of Investigator Grimm's review the applicant performed six household goods moves. The Commission received no customer complaints regarding this company's service.

Recommendation

P-79304 is an uncontested application and therefore no hearing is required. There are no outstanding issues that suggest staff should ask the Commission to set the application for hearing.

I recommend that Licensing Services Staff prepare an order to grant Application No. P-79304 without hearing and reissue Permit No. HG-61515 to Peter A. Clarke d/b/a Clarke's Piano & Furniture Moving as unrestricted permanent authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington.

Notes to staff:

DOL has the trade name as, Clarke Piano and Furniture Moving. 