

MEMORANDUM

July 27, 2006

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-79444 Docket No. TV-060584

Applicant: Dean R. Jackson 60% and Daniel W. Drefs 40%

Tri-City United, Inc. HG-173  
d/b/a Larsen Transfer Co.  
220 Wellhouse Loop  
Richland, WA 99352

Discussion

On April 17, 2006, Dean R. Jackson, Daniel W. Drefs, and Tri-City United, Inc., d/b/a Larsen Transfer Co., filed joint Application No. P-79444 to acquire control of Household Goods Carrier Permit No. HG-173. Application No. P-79444 appeared on the Commission's April 24, 2006, 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.

Major stockholders of Tri-City United, Inc., d/b/a Larsen Transfer Co., semi-retired five years ago and completely retired in 1995. All employees have remained in place (operations, safety director, sales, accounting, drivers, etc.). Dean R. Jackson, has been involved in the business for 16 years. He became general manager in 1998 and president

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of the corporation in 2000. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Drefs have worked in every facet of the industry from the bottom up.

Tri-City United, Inc., d/b/a Larsen Transfer Co., is registered with the Secretary of State as a corporation doing business in Washington State, has a valid UBI number with 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 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-79444 allowing Dean R. Jackson and Daniel W. Drefs to acquire control of Permit No. HG-173 held by Tri-City United, Inc., d/b/a Larsen Transfer Co.