

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application of)	
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)	DOCKET TV-080474
PARTNERS TRANSPORT, INC. DBA)	
STODDARD TRANSFER,)	
d/b/a STODDARD TRANSFER)	ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY
)	AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO
for permanent authority to operate as a motor)	CONDITIONS PENDING DECISION
carrier of household goods)	ON PERMANENT AUTHORITY
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I. SYNOPSIS

1 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) grants Partners Transport, Inc. DBA Stoddard Transfer, d/b/a Stoddard Transfer, (Applicant), temporary authority to provide household goods moving services on a provisional basis for at least six months. During this time, the Commission will evaluate whether the Applicant has met the criteria in WAC 480-15-330 to obtain permanent authority. The temporary authority is granted subject to conditions outlined in this order.

II. BACKGROUND

2 On March 13, 2008, the Applicant filed with the Commission requesting permanent authority to transport household goods in the state of Washington under the provisions of RCW 81.80 and WAC 480-15.

3 WAC 480-15-280 requires applicants for permanent authority to operate under temporary authority on a provisional basis for at least six months. During this time, the Commission will evaluate whether the Applicant has met the criteria in WAC 480-15-330 for obtaining permanent authority.

4 The Commission is fully advised of the need for service and the qualifications of the Applicant to provide such service and makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

5 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the state of Washington, vested by statute with the authority to regulate common carriers that transport household goods in the State of Washington.

6 Partners Transport, Inc. DBA Stoddard Transfer, d/b/a Stoddard Transfer, seeks permanent authority to transport household goods in the state of Washington.

7 Commission staff supports a temporary grant of authority for at least six months. During this time the Commission will evaluate whether the Applicant has met the criteria in WAC 480-15-330 for obtaining permanent authority.

8 The Commission deems the Applicant fit, willing, and able to provide the service it proposes under temporary authority and on a provisional basis subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Applicant must provide a copy of the customer survey questionnaire, with proper postage applied, to each customer for whom it provides household goods transportation services under the authority granted in this order.
- (2) The Commission may require, and the Applicant must agree to allow periodic inspections by Commission staff and submit any records or documents the Commission requests.

9 The Commission finds that granting temporary authority to provide service on a provisional basis meets a public need for service, increases consumer choice, and allows the Commission to evaluate whether the Applicant has met the criteria in WAC 480-15-330 to obtain permanent authority.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of and all parties to this proceeding.

11 It is consistent with the public interest to grant temporary authority and issue a permit to Partners Transport, Inc. DBA Stoddard Transfer, d/b/a Stoddard Transfer, authorizing the transportation of household goods in the state of Washington for a period of six months. During this time the Commission will evaluate whether Partners Transport, Inc. DBA Stoddard Transfer, d/b/a Stoddard Transfer, has met the criteria in WAC 480-15-330 to obtain permanent authority.

V. ORDER

- 12 The Commission grants the authority requested in Docket TV-080474, to Partners Transport, Inc. DBA Stoddard Transfer, d/b/a Stoddard Transfer, to operate as a motor carrier of household goods in the state of Washington, on a temporary basis, subject to the conditions in this Order.
- 13 The grant of authority is to allow the Applicant an opportunity to provide service as a household goods carrier on a provisional basis for at least six months. During this time the Commission will evaluate whether the Applicant has met the criteria for obtaining permanent authority.
- 14 The grant of authority is only effective while the Applicant complies with all the terms and conditions of this Order.
- 15 By granting this authority, the Commission does not prejudice in any way the action it may take on the Applicant's request for permanent authority, nor the standards or interpretations the Commission will apply in its consideration of such application.
- 16 The Commission may cancel the authority granted by this Order any time after the date the Commission issues a permit if it finds that any of the following conditions exist:
- (1) The temporary authority was not issued in the public interest.
 - (2) The grant of authority was based on fraud, misrepresentation, or erroneous information from the Applicant.
 - (3) The Applicant violates applicable laws or rules affecting the public health, safety, or welfare.
 - (4) The Applicant repeatedly fails or refuses to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to operations of household goods carriers.
 - (5) The Applicant fails to supply requested information to the Commission for the performance of its regulatory functions.
 - (6) The Commission discovers the Applicant submitted false, inaccurate or misleading information to the Commission or its staff.
 - (7) The Applicant allows others to transport household goods under the authority granted in this Order.

(8) The Applicant fails to comply with the conditions in this Order or with the terms of the permit.

17 The authority granted in this order is effective until the Commission, by further order, grants, denies, or dismisses the application for permanent authority or otherwise cancels the authority granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective March 28, 2008.

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary