

MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2004

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

FROM: Bonnie L. Allen, Regulatory Analyst 

SUBJECT: Household Goods Carrier Permit  
Application No. P-79161 Docket No. TV-030975

Tunisia Quarels & Jermaine Lewis  
d/b/a Movers 4 Less  
9021 South Hosmer #C  
Tacoma, WA 98444

Discussion

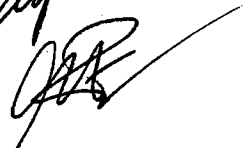
On May 2, 2003, Tunisia Quarels & Jermaine Lewis filed Application No. P-79161 requesting permanent household goods authority.

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-61007 since July 14, 2003.

Application No. P-79161 appeared on the Commission's July 21, 2003, 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.

Neither of the applicants indicated that they had any experience in the household goods moving industry prior to receiving temporary authority. They stated that they would provide a lower cost service that will benefit people of

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lower income and help create jobs in the future. The applicants have not previously been denied authority based on fitness and has not been convicted of a Class A or B felony.

Compliance staff worked with the company providing technical assistance during its temporary operations. Investigator Leon Macomber completed a Safety Compliance Review and a Household Goods Technical Assistance and Records Review Checklist. He found the company in general compliance and December 29, 2003, Investigator Macomber recommended the applicant be considered for permanent authority.

Tunisia Quarels and Jermaine Lewis are registered with Department of Licensing as a general partnership. They hold a UBI number with active tax, unemployment, and industrial insurance accounts.

The Commission received four survey questionnaires from customers that were satisfied with the service, would use the service again, and would recommend the service to others. No consumer complaints were received.

Recommendation:

P-79161 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-79161 without hearing and reissue Permit No. HG-61007 to Tunisia Quarels and Jermaine Lewis, d/b/a Movers 4 Less, as unrestricted permanent authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington.