

MEMORANDUM

January 30, 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-79312 Docket No. TV-041819

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I agree.
[Signature]

Arthur Luke & Lawrence Blakely
d/b/a Seattle Tacoma Moving
6275 South 143rd Place #A
Tukwila, Washington 98168

Discussion

On October 8, 2004, Arthur Luke and Lawrence Blakely, General Partnership d/b/a Seattle Tacoma Moving, filed Application No. P-79312 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-61529 since October 15, 2004.

Application No. P-79312 appeared on the Commission's October 25, 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.

Mr. Arthur Luke and Mr. Lawrence Blakely, General Partners, have several years experience in the household goods industry. Neither partner has been convicted of a Class A or B felony or previously been denied authority based on fitness.

Compliance staff worked with the company providing technical assistance during its temporary operations. Investigator John Foster completed a Safety Compliance Review and a Household Goods Technical Assistance and Records Review Checklist. Investigator Foster found the company in general compliance and on October 25, 2005, he recommended the applicant be considered for permanent authority.

Seattle Tacoma Moving holds a valid UBI number with tax registration, industrial insurance and unemployment insurance accounts.

During the period of Investigator Foster's review, the applicant performed 25 household goods moves. The Commission received no customer complaints regarding this company's service during the review period. One customer survey questionnaire was returned to the Commission

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regarding Seattle Tacoma Moving. The survey indicated that the customer was satisfied with the company's service and would use them in the future.

Recommendation

P-79312 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-79312 without hearing and reissue Permit No. HG-61529 to Arthur Luke and Lawrence Blakely, General Partnership d/b/a Seattle Tacoma Moving, as unrestricted permanent authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington.