

## MEMORANDUM

December 6, 2005

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

FROM: Lori D. Kanz, Regulatory Analyst

SUBJECT: Household Goods Carrier Permit  
Application No. P-79320 Docket No. TV-041904

Willamette Express Ltd.  
2505 Southeast Stubb Street  
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

### Discussion

On October 28, 2004, Willamette Express Ltd. filed Application No. P-79320 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-66156 since November 8, 2004.

Application No. P-79320 appeared on the Commission's November 15, 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.

Willamette Express Ltd. has had household goods moving authority in Oregon since 1950. The company currently does 1500 household goods moves per year in Oregon. Mr. Jon Calvin, President of Willamette Express Ltd. has not been

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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 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 July 5, 2005, he recommended the applicant be considered for permanent authority.

Willamette Express Ltd. is registered with the Secretary of State and holds a valid UBI number with tax registration, industrial insurance, and unemployment insurance accounts.

During the period of Investigator Grimm's review the applicant performed 26 household goods moves. The Commission received no customer complaints regarding this company's service.

**Recommendation**

P-79320 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-79320 without hearing and reissue Permit No. HG-66156 to Willamette Express Ltd. as unrestricted permanent authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington.