MEMORANDUM

TO:

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

Lori Kanz, Regulatory Analyst ()

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Household Goods Carrier Permit

Application No. P-79334 Docket No. TV-042107

Budget Moving, Inc., d/b/a Budget Moving 6910 Roosevelt Way Northeast, Suite 106

Seattle, Washington 98115

Discussion

On November 24, 2004, Mike Tracey, President of Budget Moving, Inc. d/b/a Budget Moving (Budget Moving), filed Application No. P-79334 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-61609 since December 14, 2004.

Application No. P-79334 appeared on the Commission's December 20, 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.

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Mr. Mike Tracey, President and owner of Budget Moving has ten years experience working in the household goods industry. He has not 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 Alan Dickson completed a Safety Compliance Review and a Household Goods Technical Assistance and Records Review Checklist. Investigator Dickson found the company in general compliance and on May 23, 2005, he recommended the applicant be considered for permanent authority.

Budget Moving is registered with the Secretary of State and holds a valid UBI number with tax registration and active industrial insurance and unemployment insurance accounts.

During the period of Investigator Dickson's review the applicant performed 91 household goods moves. The Commission received no customer complaints regarding this company's service. Two customer survey questionnaires were returned to the Commission regarding Budget Moving. Both surveys indicated that the customer was satisfied with the company's service and would use them in the future.

Recommendation

P-79334 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-79334 without hearing and reissue Permit No. HG-61609 to Budget Moving, Inc. d/b/a Budget Moving, as unrestricted permanent authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington.