# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. TV-050657
	)	
Allied Van Lines, Inc.,	)	ORDER NO. 02
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption to the provisions	)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
of WAC 480-15-480(4) Relating to	)	FROM RULE AND GRANTING
Filing of Annual Reports by Motor	)	COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME
Carriers	)	TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
	)	

#### **BACKGROUND**

- On June 29, 2005, the Commission received a petition from Allied Van Lines, Inc., (Allied Van Lines or Company) requesting an additional extension of time until September 30, 2005, to file its 2004 annual report as required by WAC 480-15-480(4). According to the Company, filing the annual report would be delayed to allow for the completion of its internal review and a review initiated by the audit committee of their board of directors, and to allow for additional time to prepare restated financial statements. The Company states that it has focused significant financial resources on this matter and will continue to diligently work towards completion of the restatements, annual audit, financial statements and SEC filings. The Commission, by Order No. 1, previously granted Allied Van Lines an extension of time until July 1, 2005, to file its annual report.
- 2 WAC 480-15-035 provides that companies may petition the Commission requesting exemptions to rules contained in Chapter 480-15 WAC.

Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Allied Van Lines' request for an extension of time to file its annual report, on condition that Allied Van Lines file its 2004 annual report no later than September 30, 2005.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies, including household goods moving companies. RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.80 RCW.
- 5 (2) Allied Van Lines is a household goods moving company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) Allied Van Lines is subject to the provisions of RCW 81.04.080 and WAC 480-15-480 requiring household goods moving companies to file an annual report no later than May 1st of each year.
- 7 (4) WAC 480-15-035(1) provides that the Commission may grant an exemption of any rule in this chapter when doing so is consistent with the public interest.
- 8 (5) The Commission, by Order No. 1, previously granted Allied Van Lines an extension of time until July 1, 2005, to file its annual report.
- 9 (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 29, 2005.

10 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TV-050657 by Allied Van Lines on June 29, 2005, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

#### ORDER

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The exemption sought by Allied Van Lines, Inc., for an extension until September 30, 2005, to file its 2004 annual report is granted.
- 12 (2) Failure by Allied Van Lines, Inc., to file its 2004 annual report by September 30, 2005, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of Chapter 81.04 RCW that provide for penalty assessments.
- 13 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Allied Van Lines, Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of July, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary