

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. TV-030628
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METROPOLITAN MOVERS, INC.,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions)	
of WAC 480-15-480 Relating to Filing of)	ORDER GRANTING
Annual Reports by Household Goods)	EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
Companies.)	ANNUAL REPORT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 1, 2003, Metropolitan Movers, Inc., (Metropolitan or the Company) filed with the Commission a petition requesting an extension to file its 2002 annual report as required by WAC 480-15-480. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report because of a reorganization and audit of its accounting system.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Metropolitan’s request for an extension of time to file its 2002 annual report, on condition that Metropolitan file its 2002 annual report no later than June 1, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (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 companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.80 RCW.*

- 4 (2) Metropolitan is a household goods company and is a public service
company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) Metropolitan is subject to the provisions of RCW 81.04.080 and WAC 480-
15-480 requiring household goods companies to file an annual report by
May 1st of each year.
- 6 (4) WAC 480-15-035 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption
from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-15 WAC, if consistent with
the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable
statutes.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on May 14, 2003.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TV-030628 by Metropolitan on
May 1, 2003, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the
circumstances facing the Company support an extension of the filing
deadline; that the extension is consistent with the public interest and the
purpose of the regulation in securing accurate as well as timely
information; and that the extension is reasonable and an exemption
should be granted.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The Commission grants the exemption sought by Metropolitan Movers,
Inc., for an extension of time to file its 2002 annual report. Metropolitan
Movers, Inc., must file its 2002 annual report no later than June 1, 2003.

- 10 (2) Failure by Metropolitan Movers, Inc., to file its 2002 annual report by June 1, 2003, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of Chapter 80.04 RCW that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over Metropolitan Movers, Inc., and the subject matter 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 14th day of May, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary