BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) DOCKET NO. TV-030639
GRAEBEL/QUALITY MOVERS, INC.,) ORDER NO. 01
Petitioner,)
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions	
of WAC 480-15-480 Relating to Filing of)
Annual Reports by Household Goods Companies.) ORDER DENYING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
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BACKGROUND

- On May 2, 2003, Graebel/Quality Movers, Inc., (Graebel/Quality 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. The petition requests Graebel/Quality Movers, Inc., be granted an extension of time to June 1, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report because it recently went through a computer conversion on all its financial software systems.
- Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended denying Graebel/Quality's request for exemption because Graebel/Quality did not file its request by the May 1 filing deadline.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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) Graebel/Quality is a household goods company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- Graebel/Quality 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.
- 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.
- After review of the petition filed in Docket TV-030639 by Graebel/Quality on May 2, 2003, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the request should be denied because the Company filed its request after the May 1, 2003, filing deadline.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

9 (1) The Commission denies the exemption sought by Graebel/Quality Movers, Inc., for an extension until June 1, 2003, to file its 2002 annual report.

10 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over Graebel/Quality 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