

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

<p>In the Matter of the Petition of</p> <p>METROPOLITAN MOVERS, INC.,</p> <p>HG-5966</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Petitioner,</p> <p>Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-15-480 Relating to Filing of Annual Reports by Household Goods Companies.</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. TV-030819</p> <p>ORDER NO. 01</p> <p>ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT</p>
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On May 29, 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 The reason stated for this extension is identical to one earlier received by this Company in Docket TV-030628. In that case, the Commission approved the requested extension on the condition that Metropolitan file its 2002 annual report no later than June 1, 2003. Metropolitan filed its 2003 annual report on July 1, 2003.
  
- 3 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Metropolitan’s request for exemption.

## 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 companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.80 RCW.*
- 5 (2) Metropolitan is a household goods company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 7 (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.
- 8 (5) This is the second extension request received this year by this Company for the same reason. In Docket TV-030628, an earlier extension was granted in this matter on condition that Metropolitan file its 2002 annual report no later than June 1, 2003. Metropolitan filed its 2002 annual report July 1, 2003.
- 9 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 9, 2003.

- 10 (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket TV-030819 by Metropolitan on May 29, 2003, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

### O R D E R

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The exemption sought by Metropolitan Movers, Inc., for an extension to file its 2002 annual report is granted.
- 12 (2) 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary