

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

KYLE CARSON d/b/a EASY COMPANY,

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the provisions of
WAC 480-15-480 Relating to Filing of
Annual Reports by Household Goods
Companies

DOCKET TV-190285

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
FROM RULE; GRANTING
COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO
FILE ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 18, 2019, Kyle Carson d/b/a Easy Company (EC or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition requesting an extension of time to file its 2018 annual report (Petition). Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-480(4) requires household goods carriers to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year.
- 2 In its Petition, the Company explained that it experiences a significant increase in workload at the end of each month. The employee responsible for completing the annual report works as part of the moving team in the field, and, although the Company expects to file its report on time, it requests an extension until May 8, 2019, in the event it is unable to complete the filing by the May 1 deadline. EC understands that the annual regulatory fee must be paid on or before May 1, 2019.
- 3 Commission staff (Staff) reviewed the Petition determined that the Company's request is reasonable in light of the circumstances. Accordingly, Staff recommends granting EC's request for an extension.

DISCUSSION

- 4 We grant EC's petition for exemption from the May 1 filing deadline required by WAC 480-15-480(4). WAC 480-07-110 provides that the Commission may modify the application of its rules if doing so is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes. The purpose of WAC 480-15-480 is to require household goods companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees in a timely manner. Here, the Company requests an extension due to resource constraints, and

intends to file its annual report no later than May 8. The Company also will timely pay its regulatory fee. We find that the Company's request for a seven day extension, which is relatively short in duration, is reasonable in light of the circumstances. As such, we conclude that granting the Company's request is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes. EC may file its annual report no later than May 8, 2019, provided its regulatory fees are paid in full by May 1, 2019.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts and affiliated interests of public service companies, including household goods companies.
- 6 (2) EC is a household goods company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) EC is subject to WAC 480-15-480, which requires household goods carrier companies to file an annual report by May 1 of each year.
- 8 (4) Under WAC 480-07-110, the Commission may modify the application of its rules when doing so is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.
- 9 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25, 2019.
- 10 (6) After reviewing the petition filed in Docket TV-190285 by EC on April 18, 2019, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the requested exemption is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying the regulation, and applicable statutes, and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) Kyle Carson d/b/a Easy Company's request for an exemption from WAC 480-15-480 and for an extension until May 8, 2019, to file its 2018 annual report is granted.

- 12 (2) Kyle Carson d/b/a Easy Company must pay its regulatory fee by May 1, 2019.
- 13 (3) Kyle Carson d/b/a Easy Company's to file its 2018 annual report by May 8, 2019, may result in enforcement action, up to and including cancellation of its operating authority.
- 14 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Kyle Carson d/b/a Easy Company 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 April 25, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary