

recommended denying Mergenthaler's request to report its data ending March 31, 2004, instead of ending December 31, 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) Mergenthaler is a household goods company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) Mergenthaler 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 12, 2004.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket TV-040713 by Mergenthaler on March 26, 2004, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the request for exemption of time to file its annual report is reasonable

and should be granted, but finds that the request to report data using a fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 should be denied.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption sought by Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage Co. for an extension until August 1, 2004, to file its 2003 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) The exemption sought by Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage Co. for an exemption to report data using a fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, is denied.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage Co., 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 12th of May, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary

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