

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. TV-040832
	)	
A. A. Star Transfer Co., Inc.,	)	ORDER NO. 01
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions	)	
of WAC 480-15-480 Relating to Filing of	)	
Annual Reports by Household Goods	)	ORDER DENYING EXEMPTION
Companies	)	FROM RULE DEADLINE
.....	)	

**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On May 5, 2004, A. A. Star Transfer Co., Inc., (Star Transfer or Company) filed with the Commission a petition requesting an extension to file its 2003 annual report as required by WAC 480-15-480. According to the Company, it is unable to file its report by May 1 because its accountant required emergency surgery. The Company seeks an extension until May 15, 2004.
  
- 2     Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended denying Star Transfer's request for exemption because Star Transfer did not file its request by the May 3, the filing deadline because May 1 fell on a Saturday.

**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)    Star Transfer is a household goods company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 5 (3) Star Transfer 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.
- 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-040832 by Star Transfer on May 5, 2004, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the request should be denied as the Company filed its request after the May 3, 2003, filing deadline.

## ORDER

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption sought by A. A. Star Transfer Co., Inc., for an extension until May 15, 2004, to file its 2003 annual report is denied.
- 10 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and A. A. Star Transfer Co., Inc., 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.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary