

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

ANC MOVERS INC.

For Exemption from Provisions of WAC
480-15-302(11); For a Permit to Operate as
a Household Goods Carrier

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ORDER 01

GRANTING PETITION FOR
EXEMPTION; GRANTING
APPLICATION FOR HOUSEHOLD
GOODS PERMIT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 4, 2025, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) cancelled the household goods permit held by ANC Movers, Inc. (ANC or Company) for failure to provide sufficient proof of insurance as required by WAC 480-15-450(1)(d).
- 2 On January 20, 2026, ANC filed an Application for Reinstatement (Application) and a Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11) (Petition) with the Commission. In accordance with RCW 81.80.075(2), applications must be on file with the Commission for at least 30 days before issuance.
- 3 ANC explains in its Petition that the Company's insurance agent unexpectedly withdrew services at a time when its cargo coverage was being renewed. Insurance companies typically cancel the old filings and issue new filings for policies of this type, so the existing policy had been cancelled before the renewal could be completed. The permit was cancelled on November 4, 2025, when new proof of cargo insurance had not been received by the Commission. The agent's late notification to the Company forced ANC to find a different broker as well as obtain new cargo insurance through a different insurance carrier. This process took more than 30 days.
- 4 The Commission issued the original provisional household goods permit on September 15, 2016, and issued permanent household goods authority on July 26, 2018. Commission staff (Staff) has no knowledge of any issues or complaints against the Company. The Company has completed all required annual reports and paid all outstanding fees.

5 ANC’s Application will be considered in all aspects an application for new authority as
required by WAC 480-15-540(4)(b). The Company submitted a complete application in
compliance with WAC 480-15-302, as well as a new cargo insurance filing. Upon
approval of the Application, the Commission, will issue a reinstated temporary household
goods permit. Staff does not have any concerns about the Company’s fitness to operate
and supports the Company’s request to reinstate its household goods permit.

DISCUSSION

6 We grant the Company’s request for an exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11), and thus
grant the Application, for the reasons discussed below.

7 WAC 480-07-110 provides that the Commission “in response to a request or on its own
initiative, may grant an exemption from, or modify the application of, any of its rules in
individual circumstances if the exemption or modification is consistent with the public
interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.”

8 Under WAC 480-07-110(2)(c), the Commission applies the public interest standard to
determine whether to grant a requested exemption. Factors we may consider include
whether the rule imposes an undue hardship on the requesting person of a degree or a
kind different from hardships imposed on other similarly situated persons, and whether
the effect of applying the rule to the requesting person would be contrary to the
underlying purposes of the rule and the public interest.

9 We find that it would be contrary to the public interest to deny the Exemption, and
therefore the Application, when the owner is fully capable to operate a permitted
household goods company. The rules in WAC 480-15-302(11) are designed to determine
a company’s fitness to operate as a household goods carrier. Healthy small businesses are
essential to the overall strength of the state’s economy. Staff has stated it has no concerns
with the Company’s fitness to operate and recommends approving the Application.
Penalizing a small business which has corrected the cause of its permit cancellation
would be contrary to the stated public goal of creating “sound economic conditions” for
household goods carriers. Therefore, granting the exemption does not run contrary to the
underlying purposes of the rule or the public interest.

10 For the reasons explained above, the Commission finds that granting the Permit is
consistent with the purposes underlying regulation, applicable statutes, and the public
interest. Accordingly, we conclude that the exemption should be granted, and that the

Company's Application should be approved 30 days from the application filing date in accordance with RCW 81.80.075(2).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 11 (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, securities, transfers of property, and affiliated interest transactions of public service companies, including household goods companies.
- 12 (2) On November 5, 2025, the Commission cancelled the household goods carrier permit held by ANC for failure to provide proof sufficient proof of cargo insurance as required by WAC 480-15-450(1)(d).
- 13 (3) The Company did not contest the cancellation or seek reinstatement of its permit within 30 days, as required by WAC 480-15-450(4). On January 20, 2026, ANC filed with the Commission a Petition for exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11) and an Application for the reinstatement of its household goods carrier permit, approximately a month and a half after the 30-day deadline.
- 14 (4) Staff supports the Company's request for exemption and recommends the Company's permit be reinstated.
- 15 (5) WAC 480-07-110 provides that the Commission "in response to a request or on its own initiative, may grant an exemption from, or modify the application of, any of its rules in individual circumstances if the exemption or modification is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes."
- 16 (6) Granting the Petition for exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11) is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.
- 17 (7) Staff has no concerns with the Company's fitness to operate.
- 18 (8) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2026.

- 19 (9) Granting the Company's petition for exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11) is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 20 (1) ANC Movers Inc.'s Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11) is granted.
- 21 (2) ANC Movers Inc.'s Application for authority to operate as a household goods carrier is granted, effective February 19, 2026, per RCW 81.80.075(2).
- 22 (3) The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective February 13, 2026

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary