

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Uniform Cover and Calendar Sheet**

<b>1. REPORT DATE:</b> May 11, 1999	<b>2. BUREAU AGENDA NO.:</b> JUN-1999-TS-MC-86
<b>3. BUREAU:</b> Transportation and Safety	<b>X-CAL</b>
<b>4. SECTION (S)</b> M. C. S. & E.	<b>5. PUBLIC MEETING DATE:</b> June 10, 1999
<b>6. APPROVED BY:</b>  Director: Mahan: 7-2496 Supervisor: Hoshour: 3-5933	
<b>7. PERSONS IN CHARGE:</b> Hawk: 3-1763	
<b>8. DOCKET NO.:</b> A- 00107747	

- 9. (a) CAPTION (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)**  
**(b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs**  
**(c) Recommendation**

(a) Motor Carrier rate increase of more than 1% for carriers with less than \$500,000 gross annual intrastate revenues.

TRISTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS TARIFF CONFERENCE, INC., ON  
BEHALF OF ROBERT P. SCOTT PROFESSIONAL MOVING VAN SERVICE CO.  
BRISTOL, BUCKS COUNTY

(b) Proposed rate increases are to offset increases in motor carrier's general operating expenses.

(c) The staff recommends that the Commission approve the acceptance of the tariff under the prescribed rules.



**10. MOTION BY:** Commissioner  
**SECONDED:** Commissioner

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**CONTENT OF MOTION:**

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DATE: May 11, 1999  
SUBJECT: **Motor Carrier of Property Rate Increase(s) filed  
to Become Effective on Statutory Notice**

TO: The Commission

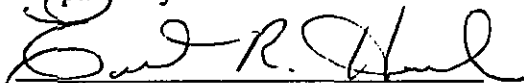
FROM: George T. Mahan, Director  
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The following transportation utility has filed a tariff or tariffs containing general rate increases, per Title 66, Section 1308, on statutory notice. Rate revisions contained in the tariff(s) of the carrier listed have been examined and considered on the basis of the justification received with the filing(s). A copy of carrier's UCBT-18 is attached if applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION**

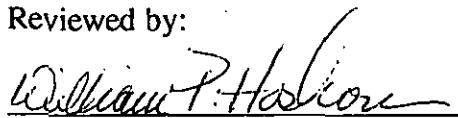
Analysis of the proposed increase(s) on the basis of justification submitted by the carrier, concludes that same is/are warranted and not of an excessive amount, based on resultant operating ratio. Staff recommends the Commission act to approve the acceptance of the tariff(s) under the prescribed rules.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### TRISTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS TARIFF CONFERENCE, INC., ON BEHALF OF ROBERT P. SCOTT PROFESSIONAL MOVING VAN SERVICE CO. BRISTOL BUCKS COUNTY

Tristate on behalf of the above named carrier has filed pages 1 through 5 to Tariff Freight Pa. PUC No. 2 proposing to increase hourly charges by 14.7% covering the transportation of household goods in use originating between points in the city and county of Philadelphia and from points in said area, to points in Pennsylvania, distances of forty (40) miles or less. The proposed rates are to become effective June 15, 1999 superseding rates which have been in effective since November 30, 1988.

Robert P. Scott Professional Moving Van Services Co., is a very small part-time carrier reporting 1998 operating revenues of \$65,045 and an operating ratio of 108.5%. Carrier is proposing to increase the weekday 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge from \$68.00 per hour to \$78.00 per hour. The increase is projected to generate approximately \$9,562 producing an operating ratio of 105.7%.

Staff has approached Tristate about the new questionable operating ratio and the need to reduce the operating ratio below the 100% level. Tristate indicated that the carrier wishes to keep its hourly complement charge low in order to attract additional business. Staff has cautioned Tristate and the carrier that further rate increase filings should be proposed on a regular basis and should be based upon revenue.

Staff review of Commission records reveals that carrier's main competitor appears to be C. James Link t/d/b/a Wall's Delaware Valley Moving & Storage at A-00106821, 2nd revised page 106 to Tariff Freight Pa. PUC No. 54(T), effective June 30, 1997, charging \$78.00 per hour; and Bishop's Moving Services, Inc. at A-00113966, original page 22-B to Tariff Freight Pa. PUC No. 54(T), effective December 31, 1998, charging \$89.00 per hour.