

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Uniform Cover and Calendar Sheet

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| 1. REPORT DATE: February 11, 2011 | 2. BUREAU AGENDA NO. 2224486-TAS |
| 3. BUREAU: Transportation & Safety | |
| 4. SECTION(S): MCS&E | 5. PUBLIC MEETING DATE: |
| 6. APPROVED BY: Director: Hoffman 3-3846 Mgr/Spvr: Bingaman 7-1168 Legal Review: | March 17, 2011 |
| 7. PERSONS IN CHARGE: Rinehart 7-5513 | 9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF FILING: |
| 8. DOCKET NO.: A-00107072; A-00098380; A-00087455; A-00113647; A-00096521 R-2011-2224486 | March 21, 2011 |

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

(a) **TRISTATE HOUSEHOLD GOODS TARIFF CONFERENCE, INC. MEMBERS IN ADAMS, CUMBERLAND AND DAUPHIN COUNTIES INCREASE IN RATES**

(b) Tristate Household Goods Tariff Conference, Inc. ("Tristate") filed, on January 19, 2011, a 16th Revised Page 45 to Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 50 on behalf of the members of Tristate Household Goods Tariff Conference, Inc. who participate in Transportation Rate Table E and proposes a total increase in intrastate revenues of \$84,583 to cover increased wage and fringe benefit expenses for five of its members domiciled in Adams, Cumberland and Dauphin Counties transporting shipments of household goods in use for distances of 40 miles or less, as more thoroughly described in the Commission Orders granting authority at A-00107072 (Gastley's Moving & Storage, Inc.); A-00098380 (Parks Van & Storage, Inc.); A-00087455 (M. F. Rockey Moving Co.); A-00113647 (Geo. Weaver & Son, Inc.); and A-00096521 (Zeigler's Storage & Transfer, Inc.). The current hourly 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge is \$122 per hour. Tristate proposes an increase to \$129 per hour (5.7%). The current hourly rate has been in effect since September 18, 2006. None of the members involved have any outstanding fines or assessments.

(c) The Bureau recommends that the 16th Revised Page 45 to Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 50 be approved to become effective on March 21, 2011.

11. MOTION BY: Commissioner Chm Powelson

SECONDED: Commissioner VC Coleman

Commissioner Christy - Yes
Commissioner Gardner - Yes
Commissioner Cawley - Yes

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted.

PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Public Meeting held March 17, 2011

Commissioners Present:

Robert F. Powelson, Chairman
John F. Coleman, Jr., Vice Chairman
Tyrone J. Christy
Wayne E. Gardner
James H. Cawley

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

Tristate Household Goods Tariff Conference, Inc.
Members that participate in Transportation Rate Table
E covering Adams, Cumberland and Dauphin Counties

A-00107072
A-00098380
A-00087455
A-00113647
A-00096521
R-2011-2224486

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth D. Sataloff, on January 19, 2011, filed a 16th Revised Page 45 to Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 50 on behalf of the members of Tristate Household Goods Tariff Conference, Inc. (Tristate), who participate in Transportation Rate Table E and proposes a total increase in intrastate revenues of \$84,583 to cover increased wage and fringe benefit expenses for five of its members (members) domiciled in Adams, Cumberland and Dauphin Counties transporting shipments of household goods in use for distances of 40 miles or less, as more thoroughly described in the Commission Orders granting authority at:

A-00107072 (Gastley's Moving & Storage, Inc.)
A-00098380 (Parks Van & Storage, Inc.)
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A-00096521 (Zeigler's Storage & Transfer, Inc.)

The request is certified to the Commission for its decision without an oral hearing. The record consists of the proposed tariff for an increase in rates, financial records and other data in support of the request for said increase.

DISCUSSION

Tristate proposes to increase the hourly 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge from \$122.00 per hour to \$129.00 per hour, or an increase of \$7.00 per hour resulting in an increase of 5.7%, for the five participating members furnishing household goods in use service domiciled in Adams, Cumberland and Dauphin Counties. The current rate of \$122.00 has been in effect since September 18, 2006.

Tristate has submitted a wage and fringe benefit cost study for these members in support of the proposed hourly increase indicating that the increase is necessary to cover the cost of operating. Employee wages and fringe benefits have increased from \$25.86 in 2006 to \$28.14 in 2010.

| SYNOPSIS OF 2009 OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| CARRIER | INTER-STATE REVENUES | OVER 40 MILES REVENUES | 40 MILES OR LESS REVENUES | TOTAL INTRA-STATE REVENUES | TOTAL REVENUES | TOTAL EXPENSES | OPERATING RATIOS |
| Zeigler's | \$ 527,285 | \$ 155,056 | \$ 114,120 | \$ 269,176 | \$ 796,461 | \$ 815,471 | 102% |
| Gastley's | 330,766 | 50,946 | 295,581 | 346,527 | 677,293 | 692,075 | 102% |
| Rockey | 77,831 | 117,316 | 234,069 | 351,385 | 429,216 | 416,783 | 97% |
| Weaver | 1,624,199 | 584,083 | 695,488 | 1,279,571 | 2,903,770 | 3,135,549 | 108% |
| Parks | 1,148,038 | 185,714 | 144,657 | 330,371 | 1,478,409 | 1,885,500 | 128% |
| TOTALS | \$3,708,119 | \$1,093,115 | \$1,483,915 | \$2,577,030 | \$6,285,149 | \$6,945,378 | |
| AVERAGE OPERATING RATIO | | | | | | | 107% |

What should be taken into consideration are the continued losses being suffered by these members due to the continued recession. The average operating ratio for these members is 107%. Even taking out the highest operating ratio of 128%, the average operating ratio of the other four members is 102%. The total 2009 revenue for the members is \$6,285,149; total intrastate revenue is \$2,577,030; and, the total interstate revenue is \$3,708,119. The proposed total increase in intrastate revenues of \$84,583 (5.7% of \$1,483,915) is to cover increased wage and fringe benefit expenses for these members.

ANALYSIS

In order to generate this revenue increase, Tristate proposes to increase the hourly 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge from \$122.00 per hour to \$129.00 per hour, or 5.7%, for these members.


CONCLUSION

The staff of the Bureau of Transportation and Safety has determined that Tristate has submitted the documentary justification to support the proposed intrastate revenue increase of \$84,583, and that the increase is not of an excessive amount based on the average operating ratio of 107%. It is the staff's opinion that the increase will be sufficient for these members to continue to provide safe, dependable and continuous service to the public; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the 16th Revised Page 45 to Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 50 (50-T) be approved to become effective on March 21, 2011.
2. That a copy of this Order be served upon the five participating members furnishing household goods in use service domiciled in Adams, Cumberland and Dauphin Counties.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: March 17, 2011
ORDER ENTERED: March 17, 2011

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