PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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1. REPORT DATE:

July 14, 2008

2. BUREAU AGENDA NO.

AUG-2008-TSM-0141*

3. <u>BUREAU</u>: Transportation & Safety

4. <u>SECTION(S)</u>: M. C. S. & E. 5. <u>PUBLIC MEETING DATE</u>:

6. APPROVED BY:

Director: Hoffman 3-3846/2 Mgr/Spvr: Bingaman 7-1168 %

Legal Review:⟨ ℳ

PERSONS IN CHARGE: (-1) 9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF FILING

DOCKET NO.: A-00108516 August 25, 2008

10. (a) CAPTION (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)

R-2008-2047495

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(b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs

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(c) Recommendation

(a) SLOANE MOVING AND STORAGE CO., INC. ELKINS PARK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY INCREASE IN RATES

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- (b) Sloane Moving and Storage Co., Inc. (carrier) furnishes household goods in use services originating in Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Bucks Counties as more thoroughly described in the order which grants authority at Docket No. A-00108516. Carrier has filed Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 10. The carrier proposes an increase of \$129,219 in intrastate revenues by increasing the hourly 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge from \$105 per hour to \$115 per hour. The current hourly rates have been in effect since August 23, 2004. There are currently no outstanding fines or assessments.
- (c) The data compiled and submitted by the carrier supports this increase and the Bureau recommends that Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 10 be approved to become effective August 25, 2008.

11. MOTION BY: Commissioner Chm. Cawley

Commissioner Powelson - Yes Commissioner Pizzingrilli - Yes

August 21, 2008

SECONDED: Commissioner VC Christy Commissioner Gardner - Yes

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted.



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SLOANE MOVING AND STORAGE CO INC 855 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD ELKINS PARK PA 19117

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v.
Sloane Moving and Storage Co., Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Commission in Public Meeting on August 21, 2008 adopted an Order in the above entitled proceeding.

An Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

James J. McNulty

Secretary

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Public Meeting held August 21, 2008

Commissioners Present:

'n

James H. Cawley, Chairman Robert F. Powelson Tyrone J. Christy Kim Pizzingrilli Wayne E. Gardner

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

A-00108516 R-2008-2047495

Sloane Moving and Storage Co., Inc.

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Sloane Moving and Storage Co., Inc. (carrier) furnishes household goods in use services originating in the counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Bucks as more thoroughly described in the order which grants authority at Docket No. A-00108516.

Carrier has filed Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 10 on June 25, 2008. Additionally, financial records, and other supporting data were filed in support of its request. The request is certified to the Commission for its decision without an oral hearing. The record consists of the proposed tariff, financial records, and other data in support of the request.

DISCUSSION

The carrier proposes an increase in total revenues of \$134,085, of which \$129,219 would be derived from intrastate revenues and \$4,866 from interstate revenue. The proposed rate increase is to cover increases in health insurance premiums, wages, accessorial charges and advertising.

Carrier proposes to increase the hourly 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge by 9.5% in order to generate this revenue increase. Carrier currently charges \$105 per hour and proposes an increase to \$115 per hour (9.5%). The current hourly rates have been in effect since August 23, 2004.

Carrier's total revenue for the period ended December 31, 2007 was \$1,748,397, of which \$1,586,188 was derived from intrastate revenues and \$162,209 was derived from interstate revenues.

The carrier submitted financial records and other data in support of its request. Carrier has calculated that the increase will produce additional PUC revenues of \$129,219.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 CARRIER PROJECTED TOTALS

	<u>Actual</u>	Adjustments	Projection With Adjustments
Operating Revenues:			
Intrastate	\$1,586,188	\$129,219	\$ 1,715,407
Interstate	162,209	4,866	167,075
Total Revenues:	\$1,748,397	\$134,085	\$1,882,482
Operating Expenses:			
Maintenance	\$ 87,834		\$ 87,834
Transportation (wages)	727,658	\$ 15,925	743,583
Terminal or Station	149,898		149,898
Advertising	33,692	1,092	34,784
Insurance	201,566	15,295	216,861
Administrative	277,243		277,243
Operating Taxes & License	82,926		82,926
Depreciation & Amortization	96,658		96,658
Rent	79,075		79,075
Total Expenses:	\$1,736,550	\$ 32,312	\$1,768,862
Total Income:	\$ 11,847	\$ 101,773	\$ 113,620
Operating Ratio Before Taxes:	99.3%		94.0%

COMPANY CLAIMED ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING EXPENSES

<u>Transportation expense</u> – is projected to increase by \$15,925 or 2.19% due to an increase in wages implemented within the past year.

Advertising expense – is projected to increase by \$1,092 or 3.2% due to an increase in the cost of advertising.

<u>Insurance expense</u> – is projected to increase by \$15,295 or 20% due to the increase in insurance premiums.

The carrier has documented these increases to support the above projections.

ANALYSIS

The carrier proposes an increase in total revenues of \$134,085, of which \$129,219 would be derived from intrastate revenues and \$4,866 from interstate revenue. The carrier's current operating ratio is 99.3%, and would change to 94%. Additionally, accessorial charges will increase by 34.5%, which includes the packing of four different types of containers. The proposed rate increase is to cover the increase in wages, accessorial charges, advertising expense and insurance premiums.

In order to generate this additional revenue, carrier proposes to increase the hourly 3 men and vehicle normal complement charge by 9.5%. Carrier currently charges \$105 per hour and proposes an increase to \$115 per hour (9.5%). The current hourly rates have been in effect since August 23, 2004.

Carrier has submitted sufficient documentation in support of the request. There are currently no outstanding fines or assessments.

Staff review of Commission records reveals that:

<u>Fischer-Hughes Transport, Inc.</u>, Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 19, effective December 3, 2007, provides for charges of \$123 per hour.

<u>Lee's Moving & Storage, Inc.</u>, Tariff Freight Pa. PUC No. 3, effective May 27, 2008, provides for charges of \$115 per hour.

CONCLUSION

We have determined that Sloane Moving and Storage Co., Inc. has submitted the documentary justification to support the proposed revenue increase of \$134,085. The resulting operating ratio of 94% appears sufficient to generate a profitable margin necessary to provide safe, dependable and continuous service to the public: THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That Tariff Freight Pa. P.U.C. No. 10 be approved to become effective on August 25, 2008.
- 2. That a copy of this order be served upon the carrier.

BY THE COMMISSION

James J. McNulty Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: August 21, 2008

ORDER ENTERED: AUG 2 2 2008

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