**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint  for Penalties against:  daniel Zeufeldt  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | DOCKET TV- 151680  ORDER 02  ORDER DISMISSING ORDER 01 WITHOUT PREJUDICE |

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated this special proceeding to determine if Daniel Zeufeldt*,* has engaged, and continues to engage, in business as a common carrier for transportation of household goods for compensation within the state of Washington without possessing the permit required for such operations.
2. On September 22, 2015, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Instituting Special Proceeding; Complaint Seeking to Impose Penalties; and Notice of Mandatory Appearance at Hearing (Order 01) pursuant to RCW 81.04.510, initiating this docket on its own motion. On the same date, the Commission issued a *Subpoena and Subpoena Duces Tecum For Production of Documents* commanding Daniel Zeufeldt to appear before the Commission at a special proceeding scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. on October 15, 2015.
3. On October 15, 2015, the hearing convened as scheduled in Olympia, Washington, before Administrative Law Judge Rayne Pearson. Commission staff (Staff) was the only party appearing at the hearing. During the hearing, Staff received and verified information that Daniel Zeufeldt was hospitalized with a life-threatening medical emergency. At the conclusion of the hearing, Staff moved to dismiss Order 01 in lieu of seeking a default judgment.

**DISCUSSION**

1. Because Staff was able to confirm that Daniel Zeufeldt was hospitalized with a life-threatining medical emergency, we find good cause to grant Staff’s motion. Accordingly, we dismiss Order 01 without prejudice.

**ORDER**

1. THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Order 01 in this Docket is DISMISSED without prejudice.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 19, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON

Administrative Law Judge