

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Determining the Proper
Carrier Classification of, and Complaint
for Penalties against:

JAKE'S HIWAY 2 SPORTS LLC

DOCKET TE-180351

DECLARATION OF
BRIAN BRAUN

Brian Braun, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a Compliance Investigator in the Safety and Consumer Protection Division. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate charter and excursion carriers that may be operating without the required Commission certificate.
2. On Jan. 12, 2018, commission staff (Staff) received a tip concerning a potential non-certificated charter and excursion carrier. The tip included the web address of jakesh2s.com.
3. On Jan. 25, 2018, I visited jakesh2s.com where I observed advertisements for "24 Passenger, able to facilitate 2 wheelchairs," "40 Passenger Seahawks Super Shuttle," and "take the whole company to the slopes for a day of fun. Or[sic] charter it for the game."¹
4. On Jan. 25, 2018, I searched Commission records and found that Jake's Hiway 2 Sports LLC is not a certificated charter and excursion carrier.
5. On Jan. 25, 2018, I searched Washington's Secretary of State website for Jake's Hiway 2 Sports LLC. I found the governing person of Jake Sharpe with a mailing address of 118 6th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251.²
6. On Jan. 25, 2018, I sent a compliance letter to Jake Sharpe, notifying Mr. Sharpe that we believed his operations required a charter and excursion certificate from the commission and directing him to submit a completed application for a certificate, or explain in writing why he believes his business does not require authority from the Commission.³ I received no reply from Mr. Sharpe.

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of the website, jakesh2s.com, printed on Jan. 25, 2018.

² See Attachment B for a copy of the business information, printed on Jan. 25, 2018.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of compliance letter, dated Jan. 25, 2018.

7. On March 16, 2018, posing as a customer, Compliance Investigator Justin Raub called Jake's Hiway 2 Sports LLC to schedule a trip reservation for a party of 10 individuals from Gold Bar, WA to Stevens Pass, WA.
8. On March 17, 2018, a representative of Jake's Hiway 2 Sports LLC emailed Mr. Raub to confirm the shuttle trip for \$250 for 10 individuals.⁴

DATED this 6th day of July, 2018, at Olympia, Washington.

Brian Braun

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of the email, dated March 17, 2018.