

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

DOCKET TE-190086

DECLARATION OF
JASON HOXIT

CASCADE ADVENTURES INC.;
CASCADE ADVENTURES BAKER BUS
LLC

Jason Hoxit, 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 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 party and excursion carriers that may be operating without the required Commission-issued certificate.
2. On March 8, 2011, the Commission issued Order 01 in Docket TE-110440, which suspended and canceled the charter and excursion carrier certificate of Cascade Adventures Inc. (Cascade Adventures or Company) for failing to file and maintain proof of liability and property damage insurance.¹ Order 01 also directed Cascade Adventures to cease all operations associated with the certificate.
3. On November 1, 2018, I received a tip via email concerning a potential non-certificated charter and excursion carrier. The email stated that Baker Bus was not properly marked, and believed the Company was non-compliant.
4. On February 7, 2019, I searched Washington Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service, which produced records showing two businesses in active status in the state of Washington registered to Cascade Adventures: Cascade Adventures Inc., and Cascade Adventures Baker Bus LLC. Cascade Adventures Inc. is registered under UBI: 602-875-348; lists the governing people as Alyssa Aurill, and Paul Engel; lists a location address of 9961 Paystreak Ave, Glacier, WA 98244; and lists

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of Order 01 in Docket TE-110440, dated March 8, 2011.

a mailing address of 9368 Mt. Baker Hwy, Deming, WA 98244.² Cascade Adventures Baker Bus LLC is registered under UBI: 603-088-202, lists the governing people as Sarah Brownell, Paul Engel, and Taylor Lindsay; lists a location address of 9961 Paystreak Ave, Glacier, WA 98244; and lists a mailing address of PO Box 5147, Deming, WA 98244.³

5. On February 7, 2019, I searched Commission records and found that Cascade Adventures is not a certificated charter and excursion carrier.⁴ Commission records reflect a physical address of 9961 Paystreak Ave, Glacier, WA 98244, a mailing address of PO Box 5147, Glacier, WA 98244, and the telephone number of (360) 599-3115; both of which match Cascade Adventures' 2009 charter and excursion carrier application with the Commission.⁵
6. On February 7, 2019, I observed Cascade Adventures' website, www.bakerbus.org. Under the "Home" tab, the website states, "We currently provide winter service to Mt Baker Ski Area throughout Whatcom County."⁶ Under the "Pricing" tab, the website advertises various prices depending on the pickup location and the drop off location at Mt. Baker, and also advertises prices for punch cards and season passes.⁷ The website's reservation calendar also advertises that there is a maximum seating capacity of 40.⁸ The website also contains a link to the Company's Facebook page.
7. On February 7, 2019, I observed Cascade Adventures' Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BakerBus. Cascade Adventures' Facebook page shows that the Company is located in Glacier, WA 98244, provides the telephone number of (360) 599-3115, and provides the web address of www.bakerbus.org.⁹
8. On February 7, 2019, I called telephone number (360) 599-3115 and left a voicemail message. The greeting for the Company's voicemail stated that I had reached "Wild

² See Attachment B for a copy of Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service records for UBI: 602-875-348, captured on February 7, 2019.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service records for UBI: 603-088-202, captured on February 7, 2019.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of Commission records documenting the Company's inactive status, captured on February 7, 2019.

⁵ See Attachment E for a copy of the Company's application, received on November 23, 2009.

⁶ See Attachment F for a copy of the Company website's "Home" tab, captured on February 7, 2019.

⁷ See Attachment G for a copy of the Company website's "Pricing" tab, captured on February 7, 2019.

⁸ See Attachment H for a copy of the reservation page on the Company's website, captured on February 7, 2019.

⁹ See Attachment I for a copy of the Company's Facebook page, captured on February 7, 2019.

and Scenic River Tours, also home to Cascade Adventures Baker Bus.” In the voicemail I stated I was looking to reserve a minimum of ten seats for a ride to Mt. Baker on February 24, 2019, and explained that the Company’s website only allowed me to register one passenger.¹⁰

9. On February 7, 2019, I received a voicemail message from “Paul” at telephone number (360) 599-3115. In the voicemail message, Paul stated that the Company’s system is only setup to accept one person at a time, and stated that he could physically put the group on the calendar. Paul stated that all he needed to know was which stop to pick us up at. Paul provided a contact telephone number of (360) 599-3115.¹¹

DATED this 13th day of February, 2019, at Olympia, Washington.

JASON HOXIT

¹⁰ See Attachment J for a copy of the voicemail message, dated February 7, 2019.

¹¹ See Attachment K for a copy of the voicemail message, dated February 7, 2019.