

Docket No. TV-230081 - Vol. I

**In the Matter of: Tiraogo Simpore d/b/a TS Moving
Services**

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the |
Investigation of |
|
TIRAOGO SIMPORE d/b/a TS MOVING |
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DOCKET TV-230081
For Compliance with |
WAC 480-15-550, RCW 81.04.070, |
WAC 480-15-560, and |
WAC 480-15-570 |

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
VOLUME I

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[All parties appearing via Zoom]

DATE TAKEN: Monday March 13, 2023 1:30 p.m.
REPORTED BY: Danielle Schemm, CCR 3395

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: So let's be on the
2 record in Docket TV-220417 which is captioned in the
3 Matter of the Investigation of Tiraogo Simpoire d/b/a TS
4 Moving for compliance with Washington Administrative Code
5 480-15.

6 Today is Monday March 13th, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., and
7 we're here for a prehearing conference to discuss the
8 company's proposed safety rating and its safety management
9 plan, settlement negotiation, and any other procedural
10 issues.

11 My name is Rayne Pearson. I use she/her pronouns,
12 and I'm the administrative law judge presiding over this
13 case. So let's begin by taking appearances, starting with
14 staff. So please just state your name, spell your last
15 name for the court reporter, and state whom you represent,
16 and we will start with you, Ms. Strauss.

17 MS. STRAUSS: Good afternoon, your Honor. My name is
18 Josephine Strauss. I'm an AAG with the Washington State
19 Attorney General's Office here on behalf of staff.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: Great. Thank you.
21 And there's no representative for the company present
22 right now, and before we went on the record Jason Sharp
23 from commission staff mentioned that he spoke to the
24 company or received a message from the company that they
25 would not be attending this prehearing conference today.

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1 So Ms. Strauss, how would staff like to proceed in
2 light of that information?

3 MS. STRAUSS: So your Honor, we still have the
4 adjudication already set for next week. As far as I'm
5 aware, staff is set to go ahead with that. There is
6 currently not an agreed safety management plan in place,
7 so that will still take place.

8 If such a plan becomes approved prior to that
9 time, I will of course let the court now, but as of right
10 now staff is ready to proceed next week with the
11 adjudication.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: All right. That
13 sounds good. So it sounds like staff and the company are
14 engaged in discussions around a potential safety
15 management plan?

16 MS. STRAUSS: Correct, your Honor.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. All right.
18 Well, that's good to know. All right. So as you stated,
19 we do have an evidentiary hearing scheduled for March 23rd
20 at 2:00 p.m.

21 And does -- I assume that staff intends to
22 continue working with the company prior to that date, and
23 if an agreement was reached notify us, and then we can
24 cancel the hearing or suspend the procedural schedule in
25 light of that, if that occurs. Otherwise we will proceed

1 on the 23rd as planned.
 2 MS. STRAUSS: That sounds great, your Honor. Thank
 3 you.
 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So I'm not
 5 going to be entering a prehearing conference order. I
 6 just summarized for the record the posture of this case at
 7 this point in time. Discussions remain ongoing between
 8 the company and staff, and if they are not able to reach
 9 an agreement, we will proceed to hearing on March 23rd as
 10 scheduled.
 11 Is there anything else that we need to discuss
 12 while we're here today?
 13 MS. STRAUSS: I do not believe so, your Honor.
 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Well, thank
 15 you so much, and I'll wait to hear from you, or I will see
 16 you on the 23rd.
 17 MS. STRAUSS: Thank you, your Honor.
 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you. We're
 19 adjourned.
 20 [Matter adjourned at 1:35 p.m.]

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