

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

YAKIMA BROTHERS, LLC

DOCKET TV-190498

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 Consumer Protection Section. 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 household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
2. On April 10, 2019, I found advertisements on Craigslist for a household goods moving company. The advertisement also contained the business telephone number (631) 830-1815.¹
3. On April 10, 2019, I searched the internet for the telephone number (631) 830-1815. The results produced a match of a company overview on www.quicktransportsolutions.com. The company associated with that telephone number was Yakima Brothers, LLC. There was also an address of 758 S 39th St. Apt B, Tacoma, WA 98418.²
4. On April 10, 2019, I searched the Washington State Department of Revenue's website for Yakima Brothers, LLC. The results produced a contact name/governing individual of Artyom Yakimovich with an address of 758 S 39th St. Apt B, Tacoma, WA 98418.³
5. On April 10, 2019, I searched Commission records and verified that Yakima Brothers, LLC, is not a permitted household goods carrier.
6. On April 12, 2019, a compliance letter was sent to Artyom Yakimovich notifying Yakima Brothers, LLC, to cease and desist operations as a household goods carrier in Washington state until it obtains the required household goods carrier permit from the Commission.⁴

¹ See Attachment A for a screen capture of the website, printed on April 10, 2019.

² See Attachment B for a screen capture of the website, printed on April 10, 2019.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of the Department of Revenue record, printed on April 10, 2019.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of Compliance Letter, dated April 12, 2019.

7. On June 10, 2019, I verified that Yakima Brothers, LLC, was continuing to advertise as a moving company on Thumbtack.⁵
8. On June 12, 2019, I called (631) 830-1815 using an assumed name to obtain a quote for moving services including workers and a truck. A company representative quoted a rate of \$110 per hour for two workers and a truck to move my household goods from Edgewood to Tacoma, Washington.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2019, at Lacey, Washington.

BRIAN BRAUN

⁵ See Attachment E for a screen capture of the website, printed on June 10, 2019.