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Jim,

My answers for 6 questions from WUTC.

- 1) NO
- 2) N/A
- 3) NO
- 4) NO
- 5) N/A
- 6) N/A

Hill Moving Services will never use contract movers since we can't verify and/or maintain 1) background checks 2) drug tests 3) proof of insurance 4) vehicle maintenance and safety 5) quality. Using contract movers essentially makes us a moving broker. If contract service providers want to be movers they should get a moving permit.

Thanks,  
Mike Hill

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**From:** jim@wcmovers.com <jim@wcmovers.com>  
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Good Morning All –

**This is a reminder** that comments on whether the use of independent contractors should be allowed in the intrastate HHG moving industry are due to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission by 5:00pm on Thursday, December 16, 2021. See Attachment.

The main question is should intrastate moving companies be allowed to us independent contractor teams to accomplish packing, unpacking, delivery, or pick-up services for intrastate HHGs.

Presently there is no RCW or WAC that addresses the above issue. Consequently, any moving company using contracted teams to accomplish the moving services listed above may have an unfair advantage by not having to pay Workers Comp or Unemployment premiums on those services contracted out.

Also, there likely would be issues with chain of custody of the HHG and who would be responsibility for claims for loss and damage.

Please, as a valued WMC member, respond to the six questions contained in the Docket and feel free to add other comments you deem appropriate as well.

Protect your industry!

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