Docket No. TE-210622 - Vol. I

In the Matter of Nicolas Papadimas d/b/a/ Orion NW

December 8, 2021



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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON	1 THE JUDGE: Good morning. My name is Andrew
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	2 O'Connell. I'm an administrative law judge with the
	3 Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.
In the Matter of Determining)	4 Today is December 8th, 2021, and the time is
the Proper Carrier) Classification of, and)	5 9:38 a.m. This is Docket TE-210622. You're here
Complaint for Penalties)	6 because the commission issued a complaint against you
Against:) Docket No. TE-210622)	7 based on information that your business, Nicholas
) NICHOLAS PAPADIMAS,)	8 Papadimas, doing business as Orion NW, is operating or
D/B/A ORION NW)	9 advertising as a charter party or excursion service
	10 carrier without a certification from the commission.
	11If it's proven that you are in fact engaging12in that conduct, the commission will order you to stop
BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING Docket No. TE-210622 Vol. I	13 operating and can impose penalties of up to \$5,000 per
(Pages 1-22)	14 violation.
9:38 a.m.	15 In a moment, I'm going to ask you how you
9.50 a.m.	16 choose to proceed. You have two options.
December 8, 2021	17 The first option is that you agree to cease
(All participants appearing via videoconference.)	18 and desist all unpermitted operations. And if you
	19 choose this option, you must agree to stop providing,
	20 offering, and advertising unpermitted charter and
	21 excursion carrier services unless or until you receive a
	22 permit from the commission. If you choose this option,
	 you will need to show what you have done to shut down your business, either completely or partially, so that
	 your business, either completely or partially, so that you are no longer advertising, offering, or providing
Reported by: Karmen Knudson, RPR, CRR	
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1 APPEARANCES 2 (All participants appearing via videoconference.)	1 unpermitted charter and excursion services in this
FOR THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	2 state. For example, you'll need to prove that you have
3 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION: 4 MICHAEL DOTSON	3 taken down or changed your website or other online
COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR	4 advertisements for your business.
Commission	 If you have obtained a certificate in advance of this hearing, I'll look to you and staff to inform me
6 P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250	7 of that in a moment, and we would not ask you to stop
7 michael.dotson@utc.wa.gov	 operating but we will want you to acknowledge that you
COURT REPORTER:	 9 were operating without a permit and that you agree you
9 KARMEN KNUDSON, RPR, CCR	10 will stop operating if your certificate is suspended or
10 BUELL REALTIME REPORTING	11 canceled in the future.
1325 Fourth Avenue 11 Suite 1840	12 The second option, if you believe that your
Seattle, Washington 98101	13 business is not subject to commission regulation and
13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:	14 challenge that you are operating or advertising as staff
15	15 alleges in other words, you deny that you advertise,
ALSO PRESENT: 16	16 offer, or provide unpermitted charter and excursion
PAIGE DOYLE	17 carrier services if you choose this option, you will
17 JASON SHARP MATTHEW PERKINSON	 need to present evidence that your business is not subject to regulation by the commission.
18 JASON HOXIT COURTNEY WAGNER	20 So I see I have on the line Michael Dotson
19 FRANCINE GAGNE	21 from commission staff. He will be speaking for
NICHOLAS PAPIDAMAS	22 commission staff this morning. He is a commissioned
21 22	23 compliance investigator.
23	Now that we've gone over your choices, I want
24 25	to explain what else is going to happen today.

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1	In a few minutes, I will swear you in so that	1	will be speaking on behalf of the company? Is it one
2	anything that you say will be under oath. And once you	2	person or is it two?
3	are sworn in, I will ask you if you understand your	3	MR. PAPIDAMAS: One person, sir.
4	choices for today's hearing and then ask you to state	4	THE JUDGE: Okay. And are you Nicholas
5	your choice. If there's anything else you want to	5	Papadimas?
6	explain to me, you will have a chance to do that.	6	MR. PAPADIMAS: Yes, sir, I am.
7	If you choose option one, to testify how	7	THE JUDGE: Okay. I would like to swear you
8	you're getting out of the charter party and excursion	8	in, if wherever you are, will you please raise your
9	carrier service business, you can explain how you plan	9	right hand.
10	to do that. You'll be given an opportunity to meet with	10	NICHOLAS PAPADIMAS
11	staff during the break in the hearing to negotiate and	11	duly sworn by the administrative law judge
12	agree a cease and desist order.	12	THE JUDGE: Thank you. Will you please, for
13	If you have recently applied to reinstate	13	the record, state your first and last name and spell
14	your certificate or if you've received a reinstatement	14	your last name for the court reporter.
15	of your certificate, you will also be given an	15	MR. PAPADIMAS: Nicholas Papadimas,
16	opportunity to meet with staff to negotiate an agreed	16	P-a-p-a-d-i-m-a-s.
17	order to resolve this matter. The agreed order would	17	THE JUDGE: Thank you. And will you also
18	also deal with a penalty amount.	18	please state your business address.
19	You were served with a complaint that asks	19	MR. PAPADIMAS: 3719 South 253 Place, Kent,
20	the commission to penalize you for engaging in business	20	Washington 98032.
21	without a permit. The law sets a maximum penalty for	21	THE JUDGE: Thank you. And what is your
22	each violation at \$5,000, and staff will recommend a	22	position in the business?
23	penalty and you will have a chance to reach an agreement	23	MR. PAPADIMAS: Owner.
24	with staff about that penalty amount, or if you are	24	THE JUDGE: And did you understand the
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2	a permit or had a permit with the commission since	2	recommendation, state and explain staff's recommendation
3	2013. There was a brief stop between now and then where	3	in light of your testimony.
4	he was canceled for his lack of insurance, but he	4	MR. DOTSON: We recommend that it be found
5	reinstated the permit.	5	that he was operating as a nonpermitted carrier.
6	October 8th of 2020, Orion NW,	6	THE JUDGE: Okay. Does staff have a
7	Mr. Papadimas's company, filed a request to cancel the	7	recommendation as to the penalty it's seeking?
8	certificate, citing the economic downturn caused by the	8	MR. DOTSON: Oh, we are seeking the full
9	COVID-19 pandemic, and we proceeded to cancel his permit	9	penalty of \$5,000 for each charge, the advertising and
10	at that time.	10	offering the ride.
11	On August 4th, I visited the company's	11	THE JUDGE: Okay. So \$5,000 for the
12	website, which is www.orionnw.com, and under the	12	advertising and \$5,000 for the offering. Okay.
13	Contact Us tab, I requested a quote for transportation	13	Now let me turn well, let me ask first.
14	for 20 passengers from Olympia to Seattle and back on	14	Mr. Papadimas, you're going to have an opportunity to
15	August 15th, 2021.	15	tell your story, to explain your side of it and to give
16	After submitting the request, the request	16	your testimony. Before I ask you to
17	stated or the website stated "Thank you for your	17	MR. PAPADIMAS: Absolutely.
18	inquiry. We will be back within 24 hours."	18	THE JUDGE: Before I ask you to do that,
19	On August 8th of 2021, I received and email	19	before I ask you to speak on your own behalf, do you
20	from orionnw.com which quoted transportation costs of	20	have any questions for Mr. Dotson about
21	\$1,000. On the 12th of August 2021, I followed up,	21	MR. PAPADIMAS: No.
22	requesting the same trip for a future date of August 26,	22	THE JUDGE: any okay.
23 24	2021. And on August 13th, 2021, I sent a clarification	23 24	Then let me turn let me turn to you and
24	and follow-up email confirming that the company was	24	the company, then, and I'd like to hear your testimony
25	available on the 26th of 2021. The company confirmed	25	and any evidence you have that you are not subject to
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1	that it was available on that date.	1	regulation by the commission.
2	And on the company's website, which is	2	Go ahead.
3	Attachment F of my declaration, you will see a photo of	3	MR. PAPADIMAS: You want me to tell you
4	a large passenger van that would fall within the	4	tell you my story, sir?
5	commission's regulations.	5	THE JUDGE: Yes, go ahead. And I would like
6	Thank you.	6	to remind you that you are under oath. But, yes, please
7	THE JUDGE: Okay. So I noticed that along	7	explain
8	with your declaration in the docket, you also submitted	8	MR. PAPADIMAS: Absolutely. Absolutely.
9	some additional documents.	9	Absolutely.
10	Have those been shared with Mr. Papadimas and	10	I was operating the business here with five
11	the company?	11	vehicles. And pretty much after 2019, we were doing
12	MR. DOTSON: The entire declaration has been	12	very well, multi vehicles, about five vehicles, in order
13	shared with the company.	13	to get fleet insurance.
14	THE JUDGE: Okay.	14	The call came in and I called him to say that
15	Mr. Papadimas, is there any objection to me	15	I cancel my certificate, I had put two vehicles for sale
16 17	entering those documents into the record that Mr. Dotson has just testified to?	16 17	which belonged to the UTC. By that time, I own no vehicles. I had no opportunity to provide any business.
18	MR. PAPADIMAS: Yes, that's correct, sir.	18	What Mr. Dotson did, he did half the work.
19	THE JUDGE: So, Mr. Papadimas, I want to make	19	He didn't check the other department for state for hire,
20	sure I understand. Are you saying that the documents	20	which permits 15-passenger vehicles, which I was
21	are correct?	21	absolutely licensed and permitted with endorsement and
22	MR. PAPADIMAS: They're all correct.	22	insurance to operate the business. But he done half of
23	Absolutely.	23	the work. He should have called the for hire department
24	THE JUDGE: Okay. Then I am going to admit	24	to see it was fully licensed, operating.
25	them to the record.	25	By the time I did, I own no vehicles
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3 0	r two vehicles, which I was planning to, because I	3	I would like to take some last statements
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6	Yes, a picture on the website, which was	6	Mr. Papadimas, I'll come back to you and I'll give you a
7 in	nactive. I don't know where he get it from. It was	7	chance to give
8 in	nactive. The website was inactive. That's how	8	MR. PAPADIMAS: Yes, sir.
9 o	kay, it was a picture then. Yes, I did remove it, yes,	9	THE JUDGE: any last words.
10 I.	couldn't that's about it.	10	So, Mr. Dotson, why don't you go ahead. And
11	But I was planning to operate two vehicles to	11	I'll remind you that you're still under oath.
12 de	o the business, which was never got to the point to	12	MR. DOTSON: Staff has no further statements.
13 di	iscuss. It was initial contact. That's it.	13	THE JUDGE: Okay.
14	THE JUDGE: Okay.	14	Mr. Papadimas, is there anything else that
15	MR. PAPADIMAS: Okay. All the all the	15	you would like to say before we conclude today?
	ansportation going to be legal, because I was fully	16	MR. PAPADIMAS: Well, I want to mention what
17 ei	ndorsed and fully licensed.	17	I mentioned to Mr. Dotson just a minute ago.
18	THE JUDGE: Okay. I understand. And	18	I've been in a small business 41 years.
19	(Crosstalk)	19	Besides paying the mortgage, the tuition, and working
20	MR. PAPADIMAS: can find out the sale of	20	hard, I never had I've had a notice from IRS, state
	ne vehicles, like I did the normal procedure, canceled	21	revenue, and from UTC. Never a single violation in my
	ny certificate, that's all the vehicles, pretty much I'm	22	life. I never going to risk illegal business because I
	poking to retirement.	23	put on line whatever I own, my house, my family and
24	THE JUDGE: Mr. Papadimas, I understand that	24	everything. So that was totally out of my line to do
25 y o	ou stated you have not had a chance to speak with staff	25	something to think about to do something like that.
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1 b	efore today about its allegations.	1	Besides that, at that time, I was fully
2	MR. PAPADIMAS: Okay.	2	licensed to operate business. On these grounds, I
3	THE JUDGE: I would like to ask you and	3	request to dismiss the case, please.
4 M	Ir. Dotson, would it be beneficial to the parties if you	4	I never had a criminal case against me, I
	vere able to talk right now off the record and I would	5	never had any violation my entire career here, 41 years
	emove myself from this call and then return. Would	6	here in Seattle. 41 years. Never had a single
7 th	nat be helpful for the parties?	7	violation.
8	MR. PAPIDIMAS: Oh, absolutely.	8	If I came to the point, I mean that's it.
9	THE JUDGE: Mr. Dotson? Staff?	9	That's it.
10	MR. DOTSON: Yeah, that would be fine.	10	THE JUDGE: Okay. And I have your testimony
11	THE JUDGE: Okay. So what I'm going to do	11	that you gave earlier, and I have staff's as well.
	s, I'm going to exit the Zoom meeting and,	12	MR. PAPADIMAS: Yes, sir.
	Ir. Papadimas, we're going to go off the record, and I'm	13	THE JUDGE: I will consider testimony and the
	ot going to be on the call anymore and you will be able	14	evidence provided by both sides and I will issue a
	o speak with Mr. Dotson. And I've heard testimony from	15	written order in this case, and it will be served in the
	oth sides, and I will allow the two sides to speak, and	16	docket and given to both sides.
	nen we'll come back together and we will conclude from	17	Is there any other business we need to take
	here.	18	care of today? Staff?
19	So let's be off the record.	19	MR. DOTSON: No.
20	(Recess 10:01 to 10:24 a.m.)	20	MR. PAPADIMAS: Yes, that's about it.
21	THE JUDGE: It is now 10:24 a.m.	21	THE JUDGE: Okay. Then with that, we are
22	Mr. Dotson, were you able to talk with the	22	adjourned. We'll be off the record. And thank you for
	ompany and maybe perhaps reach an agreement?	23 24	your appearances today.
24 25 a g	MR. DOTSON: We were unable to reach an	24	MR. DOTSON: Thank you.
20 a	greement.	20	MR. PAPIDIMAS: Thank you for the time, sir.

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	THE JUDGE: Thank you.	
2	(Proceedings concluded at 10:27 a.m.)	
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