

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

BENJAMIN HOSKINS  
J CANNON H LLC D/B/A 1-800-GOT-  
JUNK?

DOCKET TG-260016

ORDER 02

APPROVING SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT; CANCELING BRIEF  
ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 **Nature of Proceeding.** The Commission initiated this special proceeding to determine if J Cannon H LLC d/b/a 1-800-Got-Junk? (GOT-JUNK? or Company) has engaged and continues to engage in business as a solid waste carrier for transportation of solid waste for compensation within the state of Washington without possessing the certificate required for such operations.
- 2 **Procedural History.** On February 13, 2026, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Instituting Special Proceeding; Complaint Seeking to Impose Penalties; and Notice of Hearing (Complaint), pursuant to RCW 81.04.510, initiating this docket on its own motion. The Complaint alleges that the Company violated RCW 81.77.040 on at least four occasions by providing solid waste collection services for compensation without a certificate issued by the Commission. The documented violations are as follows:
  - June 5, 2025: Wendy’s, 22928 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell.
  - June 14, 2025: Chipotle, 104 Samish Way, Bellingham.
  - July 11, 2025: Best Buy, 4281 Meridian St, Bellingham.
  - October 21, 2025, Wendy’s: 140 South Samish Way, Bellingham.
- 3 On February 13, 2026, the Commission issued a *Subpoena and Subpoena Duces Tecum For Production of Documents* (Subpoenas) to the Company commanding Benjamin Hoskins, Company representative, to appear before the Commission at a special proceeding, scheduled to convene virtually at 1:30 p.m. on March 30, 2026, and to bring the documents specified in the Subpoenas.

4 **Hearing Waiver.** On February 18, 2026, Benjamin Hoskins filed with the Commission a signed hearing waiver indicating that the Company waives its right to a hearing in this matter, and requests the Commission base its decision on the written documents submitted by the parties.

5 **Settlement Agreement.** On February 18, 2026, Staff filed a settlement agreement (Settlement) on behalf of the parties that resolves all contested issues in this proceeding.

6 **Appearances.** Stevin Peters, Compliance Investigator, Lacey, Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff).<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Hoskins, Woodinville, WA, represents the Company, *pro se*.

### DISCUSSION

7 **Applicable Law.** WAC 480-07-750(1) states in part: "The commission will approve settlements when doing so is lawful, the settlement terms are supported by an appropriate record, and when the result is consistent with the public interest in light of all the information available to the commission." Thus, the Commission considers the individual components of the Settlement Agreement under a three-part inquiry, asking:

- Whether any aspect of the proposal is contrary to law.
- Whether any aspect of the proposal offends public policy.
- Whether the evidence supports the proposed elements of the Settlement Agreement as a reasonable resolution of the issue(s) at hand.

The Commission must determine one of three possible results:

- Approve the proposed settlement without condition.
- Approve the proposed settlement subject to conditions.
- Reject the proposed settlement.

8 **Settlement.** As part of the Settlement, GOT-JUNK? admits that it violated RCW 81.77.040 on at least four occasions. GOT-JUNK? confirms that the four violations identified in the Complaint were solid waste transportation jobs that should not have been

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<sup>1</sup> In adjudications the Commission's regulatory staff participates like any other party, while an administrative law judge or the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners and the presiding administrative law judge do not discuss the merits of the proceeding with regulatory staff or any other party without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. See RCW 34.05.455.

performed by the Company because it did not possess a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a solid waste collection company in the areas serviced.

9 Also, as part of the Settlement, GOT-JUNK? has agreed to cease and desist activities subject to regulation under Title 81 RCW, unless they obtain a solid waste certificate.

10 Staff and GOT-JUNK? (the parties) agree that the Company will be assessed a \$500 penalty due and payable upon the Commission's approval of the Settlement. The parties also agree that the Company will accept the imposition of a \$3,500 suspended penalty, and that the Commission shall waive the suspended penalty after a period of two years from the effective date of the settlement agreement, provided that GOT-JUNK? Does not operate as a solid waste carrier without authority from the Commission.

11 **Decision.** The Commission approves the Settlement without condition. The parties made concessions relative to their respective litigation positions to arrive at end results that are supported by the evidence in the record. GOT-JUNK? admits that its conduct violated Commission statutes and rules and has agreed to cease and desist all unpermitted operations unless and until it obtains authorization from the Commission. The Settlement supports the Commission's goal of compliance by permitting the Company to pay a reduced penalty of \$500, and suspending, then waiving, the \$3,500 remainder of the penalty conditioned on the Company complying with the terms of this Order and timely paying the remaining \$500 portion of the penalty.

12 The terms of the Settlement are not contrary to law or public policy and reasonably resolve all issues in this proceeding. Accordingly, we find that the Settlement Agreement is consistent with the public interest and should be approved as filed.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

13 (1) The Commission is an agency of the state of Washington vested by statute with authority to regulate persons engaged in the business of transporting solid waste for compensation over public roads in Washington.

14 (2) The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over GOT-JUNK?.

15 (3) GOT-JUNK? waived its right to a hearing in this matter.

16 (4) The Settlement proposed by the parties is not complex and is unopposed.

- 17 (5) The Settlement is not contrary to law or public policy, and it reasonably resolves all issues in this proceeding.
- 18 (6) The Settlement agreement is consistent with the public interest.
- 19 (7) The Commission should approve the Settlement without condition and order the penalty amount, conditions, and other terms as proposed by the parties in the Settlement.

**NOTICE**

20 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the hearing set for March 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Docket TG-260016 is canceled.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 21 (1) The Settlement Agreement is approved without condition, is attached as Exhibit A to, and incorporated into, this Order, and is adopted as the final resolution of all issues in this proceeding.
- 22 (2) GOT-JUNK? is classified as a solid waste carrier within the state of Washington.
- 23 (3) J Cannon H LLC d/b/a 1-800-Got-Junk? is ordered to immediately cease and desist operations as a solid waste carrier within the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission.
- 24 (3) J Cannon H LLC d/b/a 1-800-Got-Junk? is assessed a penalty of \$500. A \$3,500 portion of the penalty is suspended for a period of two years from the date of this Order, and waived thereafter, provided that (1) the Company refrains permanently from further operations as a solid waste carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required permit from the Commission, and (2) the Company timely pays the portion of the penalty that is not suspended. The portion of the penalty that is not suspended is due and payable upon the Commission's approval of the Settlement.
- 25 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties to this proceeding to effectuate the terms of this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective March 3, 2026.

*/s/ Ann Paisner* \_\_\_\_\_  
ANN PAISNER  
Administrative Law Judge