Service Date: February 23, 2022

# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Investigation of

JOB4MOVERS, LLC,

For Compliance with WAC 480-15

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment against

JOB4MOVERS, LLC,

in the amount of \$6,850

DOCKETS TV-220016 and TV-220017 (Consolidated)

ORDER 02

GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

### **BACKGROUND**

- On January 13, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Intent to Cancel and Notice of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding; Setting Time for Oral Statements in the Matter of the Investigation of Job4Movers, LLC, (Job4Movers or Company) for Compliance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15 (Notice).
- The Notice explained that Commission staff (Staff) conducted a compliance review of the Company's operations in January 2022 and cited the Company for 183 critical or critical-type violations of federal and state safety regulations, which resulted in a proposed unsatisfactory safety rating. Based on its review, Staff recommended the Commission cancel the Company's household goods carrier permit unless Job4Movers obtains Commission approval of a safety management plan.
- On January 20, 2022, the Commission assessed a \$12,300 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Job4Movers for the safety violations discovered during Staff's compliance review.
- 4 On February 3, 2022, Job4Movers submitted a proposed safety management plan.
- On February 14, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01, Consolidating Dockets; Approving Safety Management Plan; Upgrading Safety Rating to Conditional and Extending Provisional Period; Imposing and Suspending Penalties (Order 01). Order 01 assessed a reduced penalty of \$6,850 and suspended a \$3,500 portion of the penalty for two years, at which point the Commission will waive it, subject to the conditions that (1)

Job4Movers maintains a conditional safety rating, (2) Staff conducts a follow-up investigation at least six months from the effective date of Order 01, (3) Job4Movers does not incur any repeat violations of acute or critical regulations upon reinspection, and (4) Job4Movers pays the \$3,350 portion of the penalty that is not suspended within 10 days of the effective date of Order 01 or files jointly with Staff a proposed payment plan.

On February 17, 2022, Staff filed a letter in this docket informing the Commission that the Company requests to pay the penalty in 5 monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly proposed the following payment schedule:

| Installment | Due Date      | Amount |
|-------------|---------------|--------|
| 1           | March 1, 2022 | \$670  |
| 2           | April 1, 2022 | \$670  |
| 3           | May 2, 2022   | \$670  |
| 4           | June 1, 2022  | \$670  |
| 5           | July 1, 2022  | \$670  |

Staff also proposes that if Job4Movers fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire balance, including the suspended penalty, will become due and payable immediately.

## **DISCUSSION**

The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. Accordingly, the Commission approves the proposal with one modification. Job4Movers may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make its timely monthly installment until the full amount of \$3,350 is satisfied.

### **ORDER**

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 9 (1) The \$3,350 unsuspended portion of the penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 6, above.
- 10 (2) If Job4Movers, LLC, fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance, as well as the \$3,500 suspended portion of the penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.

The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective February 23, 2022.

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.