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June 11, 2012

James R. Tutton  
Executive Director  
Washington Movers Conference  
930 South 336<sup>th</sup> Street #B  
Federal Way, WA 98003

**RE: June 5, 2012, request for informal review of Docket TV-120640**

Dear Mr. Tutton:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) received your letter from Washington Movers Conference (WMC) dated June 5, 2012, requesting an informal review of the temporary household goods permit THG-64616, that was issued to Advanced Movers, LLC (Advanced Movers) on May 10, 2012, in Docket No. TV-120640.

WMC raised a concern that Advanced Movers has not established a workers' compensation account with Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L & I). Based on the information submitted with the application, May 1, 2012, Advanced Movers stated it had no employees, therefore the commission would not require proof of an L & I account. L & I's Employers' Guide to Industrial Insurance in Washington State, Chapter 2, Coverage and Exemptions, Exempt Employment, exempts "Members of a limited liability company (LLC) if they manage the company, or managers of a LLC who are also members and who exercise substantial control in the daily management of the company. Only eight managers may be exempted unless all managers are related by blood within the third degree of marriage." The application submitted by Advanced Movers states all partners of the LLC are family members; mother, father and son.

In your letter, you reference a telephone conversation you had with Mr. Gurukirtan Khalsa inquiring about relocating the contents of your three-bedroom home, in which Mr. Gurukirtan Khalsa stated "he has plenty of helpers." This statement does not imply that these "helpers" are employees. In any event, if you are concerned about this company's lack of an L & I account, please follow up with L & I directly at 360-902-4817.

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In addition, your concern about Advanced Movers using a "Household Goods Moving Services Contract" that may not be in compliance with Tariff 15-C has been referred to Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director of Consumer Protection and Communications for staff review.

In short, this company met the requirements to obtain a temporary household good permit from the commission and, at the time of the application, did not appear to have been required to establish a workers' compensation account with L & I. Prior to issuing the temporary permit, commission staff reviewed applicable state statutes and rules.

If you have any questions you may contact David Pratt, Assistant Director, Transportation Safety. I can be reached at (360) 664-1100 or by email at [dpratt@utc.wa.gov](mailto:dpratt@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



David Pratt  
Assistant Director, Transportation Safety

cc: Dave W. Danner, Executive Director