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1	BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
2	UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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4	In the Matter of Determining the )
5	Proper Carrier Classification of, ) and Complaint for Penalties )
6	against: ) DOCKET TV-130326
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6	JUDGE TOREM: On the record a little after
7	9:35 in the morning on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
8	My name is Adam Torem. I met some of you
9	downstairs as you were signing in. I'm the Administrative
10	Law Judge with the Washington Utilities and Transportation
11	Commission.
12	Today I'm the presiding officer for the
13	hearing being conducted at our headquarters here in Olympia.
14	This hearing is informally known as Mover's Court. It's
15	involving today a total of eight household goods carriers
16	who were served with complaints alleging that you were
17	operating without a permit.
18	My first order of business is to take formal
19	roll call and determine which companies are present and
20	identify the name and position of the person responding to
21	the complaint and the subpoena. And I've been handed up an
22	attendance list. I just need to confirm it on the record so
23	the court reporter and I will know who's here.
24	Start with Docket TV-130324. The company
25	name on that complaint is A Father and Fast Careful Sons,

- 1 David Campbell. Are you present?
- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: (Indicating.)
- JUDGE TOREM: All right. Thank you, sir.
- 4 Docket TV-130325, that one is Advanced Moving
- 5 and Packing, Justin Suedel.
- 6 MR. SUEDEL: Here.
- JUDGE TOREM: Thank you, sir.
- 8 TV-130326, Big Earl's Moving and Hauling, Tom
- 9 Harris.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: Thank you, sir.
- 12 TV-130327, Jeff's Express Movers, I'm looking
- 13 for Jeffrey Johnson. He's not on this list yet, so we'll
- 14 see if Mr. Johnson comes in a little later.
- TV-130328, Mark's Pro Movers, Mark Schueller,
- 16 is it?
- MR. SCHUELLER: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: Thank you.
- 19 TV-130329, Professional Relocations Moving
- 20 Company, Mr. Wade Taylor.
- MR. TAYLOR: Here.
- JUDGE TOREM: Thank you.
- Mr. Perkinson, we had another docket, 130330,
- 24 Quick Moving and Delivery. Did you manage to get service on
- 25 Mr. Geraldo Lima?

- 1 MR. PERKINSON: No, I did not.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: So that case won't go forward
- 3 today.
- 4 TV-130331, Smoother Mover, Mathew Twiggs;
- 5 sir, I believe you're on the line?
- 6 MR. TWIGGS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE TOREM: And TV-130332, Joedy Smith; he
- 8 has not signed in either. So we'll see if Mr. Smith and Mr.
- 9 Johnson appear at some point during today's hearing.
- 10 So I've got those two companies that have not
- 11 yet entered an appearance. There are five present here in
- 12 Olympia and one being represented by phone. The companies
- 13 that did not appear, just so you're aware, are subject to
- 14 being held in default and having an order against them
- 15 without having a chance to address me or speak on their
- 16 behalf to the Commission.
- 17 We'll take those up later this morning, Mr.
- 18 Perkinson.
- 19 Each of you that are here in Olympia today,
- 20 thank you for the drive down from wherever you had to come.
- 21 I do appreciate that the commute can be a little bit
- 22 difficult coming down. I appreciate the effort to get here.
- Each of you are here because the Commission
- 24 over the last several weeks filed a complaint alleging that
- 25 each of your companies is performing or advertising to

- 1 perform work as a household goods carrier, but without the
- 2 required permit. And under Washington law, as I'm sure
- 3 you're now aware, it's strictly prohibited to engage in
- 4 business as a household goods carrier without first
- 5 obtaining that household goods carrier permit from this
- 6 Commission.
- 7 The law is cited in the cover letter that you
- 8 should have received, a little packet of materials. It's
- 9 cited in the complaint filed against you. It's Revised Code
- of Washington, Title 81, Chapter 80, Section 75.
- 11 The purpose of today's proceeding is to
- 12 formally explain some choices that you have under the law,
- 13 and then I want to hear from each of you regarding which
- 14 option you want to pursue.
- 15 In essence, there are really two paths
- 16 available today. One is you're going to agree to cease and
- 17 desist operating without a permit, and that includes
- 18 advertising, until you get a permit. If you choose to
- 19 pursue that route today, you're going to need to demonstrate
- 20 to me, either through sworn testimony or maybe you have some
- 21 other demonstration of evidence, what you've done to shut
- 22 down your current business in full or in part to avoid
- 23 enforcement action by the Commission.
- 24 The Commission, Mr. Perkinson, may ask some
- 25 questions. And I may ask some questions. And what we're

- 1 going to want to see, and hopefully I can verify with some
- 2 proof from you today, is you're no longer operating as a
- 3 household goods operator without a permit; you're no longer
- 4 operating unlawful services.
- 5 If you've been advertising, I want to know
- 6 what you've done to take down your websites or cancel
- 7 advertisements that are in print. In other words, give me
- 8 some kind of assurance that what you're telling me is the
- 9 truth.
- 10 You will testify under oath. I hope that's
- 11 sufficient for most of you, but proof is always good.
- 12 Your other choice, if you're not going to
- 13 cease operating your business, is to contest the
- 14 Commission's action and ask for a formal hearing that we
- 15 classified you as a household goods mover. Maybe you think
- 16 you don't qualify under the law.
- 17 It will be your burden to show why you think
- 18 you're a different kind of business. So if you choose that
- 19 route, the allegations in the complaint, you want to say,
- 20 "Hey, Commission, you have to prove this."
- 21 And we'll set up a separate hearing where the
- 22 Commission will bring its own witnesses, explain why they
- 23 brought the complaint, and you'll be able to cross-examine
- 24 those witnesses. You'll put on your own testimony or those
- 25 of other witnesses, and the Commission can cross-examine

- 1 them. It's like a mini-trial.
- 2 So we'll schedule any of those formal
- 3 hearings at a later date in the future and set some
- 4 deadlines to file evidence.
- 5 So today is really a choosing between ceasing
- 6 and desisting until you get a permit and then going on from
- 7 there; if you want to classify yourself as not a household
- 8 goods permit, we'll have a separate hearing on another date.
- 9 What you should take out of this is that each
- 10 of you has a right to be heard by the Commission. And we're
- 11 going to at least find out what your choices are on those
- 12 two options here today.
- 13 Now the staff has a right to be heard as
- 14 well. Mr. Matt Perkinson, who I think I have referred to
- 15 several times and most of you should have met, will be
- 16 representing the Commission staff here this morning. He is
- 17 a compliance investigator and will be introducing each case.
- 18 Those are the general options for today.
- 19 The rest of the procedures are as follows:
- 20 I'll be calling you up in docket number order this morning.
- 21 We're going to take Mr. Twiggs' case because he's on the
- 22 phone using an Idaho prison telephone to make sure he can
- 23 represent himself today. We're going to do that as a
- 24 courtesy to the prison staff and get him taken care of
- 25 first. And then I'll turn to each of you in order.

- 1 I'll swear you in with an oath of witness so
- 2 that anything you tell the court is under oath and can be
- 3 considered as sworn testimony.
- 4 The court reporter is going to be taking down
- 5 what you say, so if you can speak one at a time when you're
- 6 up here. There's a microphone with the chairs here. And
- 7 there's a little silver button in the middle. If you push
- 8 the button gently, a red light will come on and tell you
- 9 that the system is picking up your words. So speak slowly,
- 10 speak clearly, and make sure you use the microphone.
- 11 Once you're sworn in, we'll make sure you
- 12 understand exactly what the options are and ask you to state
- 13 your preference. If there's anything else you want to
- 14 explain to me under oath, you can do that.
- 15 In each of the complaints, if you look at
- 16 your paperwork, the Commission staff has not only alleged
- 17 you're providing household goods services without the
- 18 permit, but also advertising. And they're also seeking to
- 19 have a penalty imposed. This is probably why most of you
- 20 are here, is to see about what this penalty is.
- 21 The law sets a maximum penalty for each
- 22 violation at \$5,000. Staff is going to be making a
- 23 recommendation as to what penalty they think should be
- 24 appropriate for each case. And if you're agreeing to an
- order for cease and desist, that will be part of the order

- 1 as well.
- 2 So you'll have a chance to talk to me about
- 3 the amount of the penalty you're agreeing to pay. And we'll
- 4 see about the proof in each case. Some cases will merit a
- 5 higher penalty, some cases will merit an average penalty,
- 6 and some cases, depending on the circumstances, might merit
- 7 none. So it just depends on each of your cases.
- 8 Mr. Perkinson is going to explain the reason
- 9 behind staff's recommendation.
- 10 And I'll be making on behalf of the
- 11 Commission a final decision for each of your cases.
- 12 There are a number of factors to be
- 13 considered. So again, if you choose to testify about how
- 14 you are getting out of the household goods business or you
- 15 started to once you heard from the Commission, I'll allow
- 16 you to make a statement explaining about that. And we'll
- 17 see if we can reach an agreed order resolving your case.
- 18 We'll see if Mr. Perkinson has any other
- 19 questions about what you have to say. And like I said
- 20 earlier, I often have questions myself to see if I can
- 21 verify the nature of what you're saying or making sure that
- 22 any promises you're making, you intend to keep them.
- 23 If you choose, again, to contest the
- 24 allegations in the complaint, I'll tell you a little more
- 25 about the kind of evidence that will be persuasive when you

- 1 come back that you're not a household goods mover so you can
- 2 get adequately prepared for that kind of case.
- 3 We'll take a look at calendars to see a date
- 4 that Mr. Perkinson and staff have available. And we'll be
- 5 right back here in this room, and we'll have the hearing
- 6 contesting the complaint on such date.
- 7 After we find out your choices, we'll
- 8 probably take a break, because what I intend to do for those
- 9 of you who agree to leave here having agreed to cease and
- 10 desist or go about getting your permit is enter an order
- 11 right here today. Much like traffic court, you find out
- 12 what your fine's going to be, you find out what you have to
- 13 do. Same sort of thing today. I'll enter the order, but
- 14 it's going to take some time. And that's why all these
- 15 folks are lined up against the wall, to help process the
- 16 paperwork.
- 17 So we'll be -- it's now about ten minutes to
- 18 10:00. I imagine we'll be talking until no later than
- 19 10:15. We'll take a break, come back at 11:00, and get
- 20 everybody on the road before lunchtime with an order in hand
- 21 or some agreement as to what you're going to be doing.
- 22 Some of your cases will be faster. It just
- 23 depends on how quickly we can get them done.
- 24 All right? Any questions in general?
- 25 Let me turn to Mr. Perkinson and swear you in

- 1 so you're able to speak truthfully for the whole morning. 2 3 MATHEW PERKINSON, having been duly sworn, testified 4 as follows: 5 6 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Mr. Perkinson has 7 been sworn in, so I'm going to start with Mr. Twiggs. Can 8 you hear me on the line here today? 9 MR. TWIGGS: Yes, your Honor. 10 JUDGE TOREM: Do you understand the two 11 choices that you have about agreeing to cease and desist or 12 deciding that you want to contest whether you're a household 13 goods mover or not? 14 MR. TWIGGS: I do. I do have a question, 15 though. 16 JUDGE TOREM: Okay, sir. 17 Let me just make sure the court reporter 18 knows we're on -- your case is TV-130331. 19 Go ahead, Mr. Twiggs. What's your question? 20 MR. TWIGGS: My question is if I choose to 21 cease and desist as a household goods carrier, can I still
- 23 the labor portion, like load and unload?

  24 JUDGE TOREM: We do have an allowance as to

  25 what defines a household goods mover.

provide labor for customers; not the driving portion, just

- 1 I'm going to let Mr. Perkinson explain it for
- 2 the benefit of those in the room and yourself as well.
- 3 So Mr. Perkinson, make sure your microphone
- 4 is on.
- 5 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, it is.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: Can you explain where the
- 7 borderline is between a pack and load company and a
- 8 household goods mover.
- 9 MR. PERKINSON: Yes. Mr. Twiggs and
- 10 everybody else in the room, you are able to provide the
- 11 labor of a move, but you can't actually be the one that
- 12 rents a truck and/or provides the truck for the move.
- 13 But if you showed up and just did the labor
- 14 only, say, packed the person's belongings, then you'd be
- 15 fine.
- 16 MR. TWIGGS: And how soon after I get the
- 17 permit -- because I'm in the process of getting the permit
- 18 -- can I go do the carrier portion of it?
- 19 Do I have to notify the court?
- 20 MR. PERKINSON: Once you receive the
- 21 temporary permit you could transport immediately.
- MR. TWIGGS: All right. Thank you.
- JUDGE TOREM: So Mr. Twiggs, are you ready to
- 24 tell me what your choice is going to be on how you're going
- 25 to proceed today?

- 1 MR. TWIGGS: I would like Option A, your
- 2 Honor.
- 3 JUDGE TOREM: So you're agreeing that you
- 4 want to cease and desist?
- 5 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: All right. I've already sworn
- 7 in Mr. Perkinson, and I want to hear from him on your case.
- 8 So I'm going to look at the documents. You
- 9 received a copy of the complaint?
- 10 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: And you should have also
- 12 received the subpoena and a couple of other exhibits, I
- 13 think, that were attached to a declaration of Mr.
- 14 Perkinson?
- MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: And I've got your letter that
- 17 you sent on April 4 that arrived here explaining your
- 18 circumstance.
- 19 MR. TWIGGS: Right. I have all my insurance
- 20 information and L&I numbers, account numbers if you need
- 21 that. I don't know if you do or not.
- 22 JUDGE TOREM: I'm not sure that I need that
- 23 today for the purpose of the cease and desist order.
- MR. TWIGGS: Okay.
- JUDGE TOREM: I think what we're going to

- 1 have to do logistically is you're not going to be here to
- 2 sign the order as the other movers are. So do you have a
- 3 problem with Mr. Perkinson or myself signing for you once
- 4 you've had a chance to take a look at the order and tell you
- 5 what it says?
- 6 MR. TWIGGS: No. That would be fine, your
- 7 Honor.
- JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Perkinson, why don't you
- 9 explain Mr. Twiggs' case and we'll dispense with that now.
- 10 MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, at this time I'd
- 11 like to refer to my declaration.
- 12 JUDGE TOREM: I've got that in front of me.
- MR. PERKINSON: Okay. I began an
- 14 investigation into the activities of Mathew D. Twiggs, doing
- 15 business as Smoother Mover, in October 2012 because I found
- 16 advertisements indicating the company was conducting
- 17 household goods moves within the state of Washington without
- 18 a permit.
- 19 On December 4, 2012, I mailed a compliance
- 20 letter to Smoother Mover, instructing it to remove any
- 21 advertisements and cease operating as a household goods
- 22 operator until it obtained a Commission-issued permit.
- I conducted a follow-up investigation into
- 24 the activities of Smoother Mover in March of 2013 and found
- 25 advertisements indicating the company is still conducting

- 1 household goods moves within the state of Washington without
- 2 a permit.
- 3 I reviewed Commission records related to
- 4 Smoother Mover to determine the company held -- whether the
- 5 company held a household goods permit. According to
- 6 Commission records as of March 7, 2013, there's no record of
- 7 Smoother Mover now or ever holding a household goods permit.
- 8 On March 1, 2013, I conducted an Internet
- 9 search for advertising for Smoother Mover. I found
- 10 advertisements on www.craigslist.org. The advertisement
- 11 included moving services, a contact name of Christy, and a
- 12 telephone number, 509-205-7110.
- 13 On March 1, 2013, I called the telephone
- 14 number 509-205-7110 which was listed in the Craigslist
- 15 advertisement and spoke to a woman who identified herself as
- 16 Christy. I asked Christy how much Smoother Mover would
- 17 charge to move from a two-bedroom apartment located in
- 18 Richland to another two-bedroom apartment located a few
- 19 miles away, also in Richland, at the North Point Apartments.
- 20 Christy said the company charges \$70 per hour
- 21 and does not own a truck, but they rent a truck so they
- 22 don't have to deal with the maintenance issues. Christy
- 23 said there would be an additional charge of \$70 for the
- 24 truck. That's all.
- 25 JUDGE TOREM: So this is the backup to the

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- 1 allegation that there was at least one move offered without a permit and at least one advertisement; is that correct? 2 3 MR. PERKINSON: Yes. 4 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Twiggs, you understood and 5 heard all of that? 6 MR. TWIGGS: Yes, your Honor. 7 JUDGE TOREM: Let me swear you in. I'm going to raise my right hand here, if you're going to do that in 8 Idaho. 9 10 MR. TWIGGS: All right. 11 12 MATHEW TWIGGS, having been duly sworn, testified as 13 follows: 14 15 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Let me ask you a 16 question about Christy. Do you know who this woman is? 17 MR. TWIGGS: She's my wife, your Honor. 18 JUDGE TOREM: And is she still -- she's not 19 here today to testify on her behalf. Do you have any 20 independent knowledge about this conversation about a month 21 and a half ago? 22 MR. TWIGGS: Just that my wife told me that
- 25 hot seat today for this company. And you want to agree to

JUDGE TOREM: So you're the one that's on the

she did have this conversation.

- 1 cease and desist?
- 2 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: I don't know if you can at this
- 4 point speak for your wife as representing the company.
- 5 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: She would, I expect, be
- 7 affected by the cease and desist order as well if she's
- 8 acting on behalf of Smoother Mover.
- 9 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: Is that your understanding?
- 11 MR. TWIGGS: Yes. Business license and
- 12 everything is in my name. Unfortunately I'm incarcerated
- 13 right now, so she has to run the business.
- 14 I guess the question -- we are guilty of the
- 15 advertisement and at least the one offering to provide a
- 16 carrier service.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Now, you're in the
- 18 process of making sure you can get a permit; is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 MR. TWIGGS: Yes, your Honor.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Now if we enter the
- 22 cease and desist order, we'll serve a copy to you there at
- 23 the prison.
- I wonder, we'll have Mr. Perkinson get in
- 25 touch with you to get an address where Christy can be

- 1 reached. Mr. Perkinson, do you happen to have that address
- 2 already in your records?
- 3 MR. PERKINSON: I believe that the compliance
- 4 letter would have sent to Ms. Twiggs. I think I have that.
- JUDGE TOREM: Do you know, Mr. Twiggs, if she
- 6 received that at the home or business mailing address?
- 7 MR. TWIGGS: I believe she did.
- 8 Unfortunately she didn't read through the whole thing
- 9 carefully.
- 10 MR. PERKINSON: I have 391 Wright Avenue,
- 11 Richland, Washington.
- 12 JUDGE TOREM: Does that sound correct, Mr.
- 13 Twiggs?
- 14 MR. TWIGGS: That's correct.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: That's where we'll send a copy
- 16 of the order as well. We'll make sure you get a copy in
- 17 Idaho so you're aware of what's going on as well.
- 18 Mr. Perkinson, you have a copy of the
- 19 template order in front of you?
- MR. PERKINSON: Yes, I do
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: See if I leave anything out.
- But my understanding, Mr. Twiggs, is the
- 23 order I would enter is that you have taken responsibility
- 24 and confirm and admit the move as you just did, and the
- 25 advertisement; that you agree that you don't have a permit;

- 1 and you're agreeing to cease and desist until and unless you
- 2 get a permit.
- 3 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Perkinson, I'm going to ask
- 5 you to tell me what your staff recommendation is as to a
- 6 penalty. Remember the possibility here is a fine of \$5,000
- 7 for each the advertisement and move, for a total of 10,000.
- 8 That's the maximum the Commission can impose. Mr.
- 9 Perkinson?
- 10 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor. Commission
- 11 staff recommends Mathew Twiggs, doing business as Smoother
- 12 Mover, to be assessed a financial penalty in the amount of
- 13 \$5,000 for two violations of RCW 81.80.075.1. A \$4500
- 14 portion of the penalty will be suspended for two years from
- 15 the date of the order, then waived, subject to the condition
- 16 that Mr. Mathew Twiggs, doing business as Smoother Mover,
- 17 refrain from further operations as a household goods carrier
- 18 without first obtaining a permit from the Commission.
- 19 Staff recommends the Commission allow Mr.
- 20 Twiggs to pay the remainder of the penalty, \$500, no later
- 21 than November 1, 2004. Staff feels this payment schedule
- 22 will allow Mr. Twiggs additional time to pay the \$500
- 23 penalty due to him being incarcerated.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: You said for this year or next
- 25 November?

- 1 MR. PERKINSON: That would be next November,
- 2 2014.
- JUDGE TOREM: So Mr. Twiggs, what the
- 4 recommendation is, if I choose to follow it, would be that
- 5 you would be responsible for a \$5,000 penalty.
- 6 However, the majority of that, \$4500, would
- 7 be held out. And you wouldn't be responsible if you either
- 8 get a permit, or, for the following two years from today,
- 9 didn't offer to move anybody without a permit and didn't
- 10 advertise any such services.
- 11 However, you would still have to pay \$500 by
- 12 November 1 of next year. Do you understand that
- 13 recommendation?
- 14 MR. TWIGGS: I do, your Honor.
- JUDGE TOREM: What's your recommendation?
- Do you agree with that or do you have
- 17 something else you'd like me to do in your case?
- 18 MR. TWIGGS: That sounds fair, your Honor.
- 19 However, I would like to express to you that
- 20 had I known about this permit, I would have gotten it. Due
- 21 to ignorance on my part -- I do have insurance, I have a
- 22 household goods labeling insurance up to a million dollar
- 23 policy. I have a UBI number. I do pay into L&I. I pay
- 24 federal taxes and I pay state taxes. You know, I employ
- 25 into employment security. This is one thing that

- 1 unfortunately got overlooked.
- 2 But the \$500 penalty is fine with me, your
- 3 Honor. If you could find it in your heart to make it less,
- 4 I'm always would agree with that too. But that sounds fair
- 5 to me.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: There's a number of heads
- 7 nodding in agreement with you here.
- 8 MR. TWIGGS: It's just one of those things if
- 9 I had known about this permit, I definitely would have
- 10 gotten it and saved myself and you time and money.
- JUDGE TOREM: Understood. Mr. Twiggs, what
- 12 is your release date?
- 13 MR. TWIGGS: My projected release date would
- 14 be July 26 of 2014.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: All right. When you get out,
- 16 let's assume that that's projected, and we talk about
- 17 August, September, October are the three months that you
- 18 would have a chance to earn an income again out on the
- 19 economy of presumably securing a permit.
- I presume it's possible with your wife
- 21 Christy, she may be able to run this company for you if you
- 22 obtain a permit.
- MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: Is that your plan, to obtain a
- 25 permit prior to next July?

- 1 MR. TWIGGS: Oh, yes, definitely, your Honor.
- 2 This is -- I don't know if you have been involved in
- 3 criminal law, but I am a felon and it is a little harder to
- 4 obtain a job with a felony. And I have looked into the
- 5 permits. And as long as I think it's a five-year felony
- 6 free, that you can obtain the permit.
- 7 JUDGE TOREM: There definitely are some
- 8 fitness and character issues that go into the granting the
- 9 permit. Without knowing anything more than we're talking to
- 10 you from Idaho today, I couldn't give you any advice as to
- 11 whether this Commission would support granting a permit for
- 12 you.
- MR. TWIGGS: Right.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: We've had a number of cases
- 15 that deal with this issue. And some have come out as you
- 16 suggest they might and some have come out probably not how
- 17 you would like.
- 18 MR. TWIGGS: Right.
- 19 JUDGE TOREM: It depends on the individual
- 20 case.
- 21 MR. TWIGGS: Right. Okay.
- 22 JUDGE TOREM: One way or another, if I do
- 23 enter the order today with the recommendation to pay the
- 24 \$500, if you fail to pay the fine by next November, you
- 25 would be responsible for the entire fine. So this is a

- 1 condition that you've got \$4500 hanging in the balance that
- 2 requires you pay the 500 by next November and don't conduct
- 3 any illegal moves.
- 4 So I want to make sure you understand what
- 5 you're giving us permission to sign your name to today here
- 6 in Olympia.
- 7 MR. TWIGGS: I understand, your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Then what I'm going
- 9 to do is accept the Commission's recommendation, trust that
- 10 based on your suggestion you'll be able to earn that \$500
- 11 between now and next November. If you earn it sooner and
- 12 you want to pay this fine off sooner, that will be fine.
- 13 But the two-year period, again, of which you
- 14 have to cease and desist, I can't shorten that any. That's
- 15 going to be a two year period. So if today is April 2013,
- 16 we're talking April of 2015.
- 17 And if Mr. Perkinson or one of his investigators
- 18 is able to track down that Smoother Movers is again
- 19 advertising without a permit, that \$4500 will also be due.
- 20 And our assistant attorney general staff will be looking for
- 21 that in Superior Court, which is a full step up from here at
- 22 the Commission.
- 23 MR. TWIGGS: Right. Now I ceased advertising
- 24 as a carrier, but I do still offer labor.
- 25 JUDGE TOREM: And as you heard the

- 1 description, if it's a pack and load situation and it's
- 2 clear from the advertising that you're not advertising as a
- 3 household goods mover, that your company cannot rent the
- 4 truck, your company provides labor only, then the Commission
- 5 is not going to have any problems with that.
- 6 MR. TWIGGS: Okay. So I hope to have the
- 7 permit by the end of this month.
- 8 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. If that's the case, then
- 9 you'll be able to continue advertising with the permit. But
- 10 keep that permit number on all of your ads so it's clear
- 11 you're advertising as a permitted company.
- MR. TWIGGS: Thank you.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: Anything else on this case?
- MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, I did have one
- 15 other thing. I checked the advertisement yesterday and
- 16 actually found an advertisement at
- 17 www.doc.tcsmoothermover.com. That advertisement needs to be
- 18 removed also.
- 19 MR. TWIGGS: Does it say carrier on there?
- 20 I'm not -- because I haven't had a chance to talk to my
- 21 wife. Does it offer carrier service?
- 22 MR. PERKINSON: I believe the advertisement
- 23 was listing moving. I don't know. I'm sorry. I don't have
- 24 that in front of me. I didn't print it out.
- 25 MR. TWIGGS: Well, then, I will make sure

- 1 that she -- I will get on her today and specify that it's
- 2 labor only.
- 3 MR. PERKINSON: Yes. If you can label it
- 4 labor only, that would be sufficient.
- 5 MR. TWIGGS: Yes, definitely.
- 5 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Twiggs, to your knowledge,
- 7 is that a direct control that your wife Christy has over the
- 8 advertising?
- 9 She's not contracting with another company
- 10 that puts content on a website?
- 11 MR. TWIGGS: I'm not sure how she's doing it
- 12 right now.
- JUDGE TOREM: She's going to put this \$4500
- 14 at risk for you and for her if the advertising is wrong. So
- 15 I would encourage you, if you're making this commitment on
- 16 behalf of the company and yourself --
- 17 MR. TWIGGS: Yes.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: -- to get in touch with her and
- 19 make sure she speaks to our staff to vet any ads, maybe even
- 20 before they go up, to make sure they're not going to cost
- 21 you \$4500.
- 22 MR. TWIGGS: I know she was in the process of
- 23 having a website built for us. This is news to me that it's
- 24 finished and that she still is offering the carrier. I
- 25 think she overlooked that. And I will call her as soon as

- 1 we end this phone call.
- JUDGE TOREM: So what I'm going to do,
- 3 probably after our break today so I don't keep these other
- 4 ladies and gentlemen here in Olympia waiting any longer, is
- 5 to enter an order that you'll get a copy of that will be
- 6 labeled Order 02, as an agreed order for the company to
- 7 cease and desist. It will have the terms we just discussed.
- 8 And I will probably sign it on your behalf, indicating as
- 9 much, that I have your permission to do so.
- 10 I'll enter the date of November 1, 2014 as
- 11 the due date for your \$500 that you are responsible for. If
- 12 you want to pay that in installments at any time between,
- 13 we'll be able to process that. Just put the docket number
- 14 of TV-130331, it's the same number that will be on your
- 15 order, on the memo part of your check when you send it into
- 16 the Commission.
- 17 MR. TWIGGS: Okay.
- JUDGE TOREM: Anything else?
- 19 MR. TWIGGS: No, your Honor. That will be
- 20 paid long before November 1.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: I hope to check this file in
- 22 another year and find out that we're right on target and no
- other proceedings that we need to talk on the phone again
- or, when you get out, hopefully not in person.
- MR. TWIGGS: Exactly.

- JUDGE TOREM: All right, Mr. Twiggs.
- 2 Mr. Perkinson, anything else?
- MR. PERKINSON: No, your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Twiggs, you can hang up on
- 5 your end. Thank you very much.
- 6 Are we ready to quickly call out the other
- 7 cases and see how they wish to proceed today?
- 8 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE TOREM: Thank you all for your patience
- 10 in allowing me to take care of that case over the phone
- 11 line.
- 12 We're going to start with Mr. Campbell from a
- 13 Father and Fast Careful Sons, TC-130234. That little silver
- 14 button in the middle of the microphone, if you push it,
- 15 should turn on a red light. And if you'll pull that toward
- 16 you.
- 17 Sir, could you state and spell your name for
- 18 the record?
- 19 MR. CAMPBELL: David Campbell,
- 20 C-A-M-P-B-E-L-L.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: What's your relationship with
- 22 the company A Father and Fast Careful Sons?
- MR. CAMPBELL: I've been the owner of that
- 24 name since 1968 and have not been advertising under that
- 25 name for, I guess, since '07, 2007.

- 1 And the things that he's found on the Internet
- 2 where --
- JUDGE TOREM: Well, hold on one second, sir.
- 4 We'll get to the substance in a minute.
- 5 You understood the two options I gave earlier
- 6 about ceasing and desisting or perhaps contesting the case.
- 7 Do you know how you want to proceed?
- 8 MR. PERKINSON: Well, cease and desist, but
- 9 it's already there. I'm 82 years old and have not moved
- 10 people for quite a long time, really.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Let me swear you in.
- 12 And we'll get some testimony on that and decide if we're
- 13 going to need to enter an order or not. And if we need to
- 14 go into it in any depth, we'll come back after the break and
- 15 get through each of the other ones.

- DAVID CAMPBELL, having been duly sworn, testified
- 18 as follows:

- JUDGE TOREM: All right. Mr. Perkinson, can
- 21 you explain what the case is in this one?
- MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor. At this
- 23 point I would like to refer to my declaration.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: Sure. If you can summarize
- 25 that quickly, I'll follow along. And I think Mr. Campbell

- 1 probably has a copy in front of him
- 2 MR. TWIGGS: Rayne Pearson began
- 3 investigation of A Father and Fast Careful Sons in October
- 4 of 2010. He received information from Commission staff that
- 5 the company was conducting household goods without a permit.
- 6 On November 4, 2010, Rayne also mailed a
- 7 compliance letter to David Campbell, doing business as A
- 8 Father and Fast Careful Sons.
- 9 And then October 2012, October 11, 2012, I
- 10 received information from Commission staff indicating the
- 11 company was conducting household goods without -- within the
- 12 state without a permit. A consumer complaint was opened in
- 13 that case documenting that the company had indeed conducted
- 14 household goods moves.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: All right. So Mr. Campbell,
- 16 you've had a chance to review Mr. Perkinson's declaration.
- 17 And I see he's got an attachment from a
- 18 MerchantCircle.com page showing an advertisement under the
- 19 name of A Father and Fast Careful Sons attached to it and a
- 20 few other advertisements as well from, it looks like,
- 21 Seattle.com and the Super Pages.
- 22 So also in his declaration, it indicates that
- 23 you may have had a permit, a temporary permit, back in 2007;
- 24 but that, it says here, was canceled for lack of insurance.
- 25 Does that sound right to you?

- 1 MR. CAMPBELL: That sounds right. We did
- 2 have a permit in 2007.
- 3 JUDGE TOREM: And you were starting to
- 4 explain when I cut you off there how these advertisements
- 5 might have shown up on the Internet here so many years
- 6 later?
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: Apparently people give
- 8 references to the Internet for work that's been done before.
- 9 And they've referred in these cases to a phone number we
- 10 have not had in use for approximately -- I think it's June 1
- of 2006 or '7. At any rate, far back there. We don't have
- 12 that phone number now and have not had it for several years,
- 13 quite a few years.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: Can you tell me, what kind of
- 15 business are you running now?
- MR. CAMPBELL: Retirement.
- 17 JUDGE TOREM: Retirement. All right.
- 18 Mr. Perkinson referred to an October 2012, so
- 19 just a few months ago, issue of moving household goods in
- 20 Maple Valley. Do you know anything about that?
- 21 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir. I do. We get
- 22 referrals from business conducted many years before. I've
- 23 been in business moving people since 1968. And so we've
- 24 moved a lot of people. I participated in hearings in this
- 25 room in the '70s when they changed the philosophy and method

- 1 of doing business.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: So did your company do a move
- 3 here in October?
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Excuse me?
- 5 JUDGE TOREM: Did your company do a move here
- 6 last October?
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: I didn't do it, no. But I
- 8 referred it to friend. I've got a lot of friends in the
- 9 moving business and they did the move.
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: Somehow it comes back to the
- 11 commission that it was performed by you and A Father and
- 12 Fast Careful Sons.
- 13 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm not the one that did the
- 14 move at all.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: Was it one of the fast or
- 16 careful sons, maybe?
- MR. CAMPBELL: No. The youngest of those is
- 18 54 years old. And they're in business in separate things,
- 19 landscaping and other things.
- JUDGE TOREM: All right. Well, we're not
- 21 regulating landscaping today.
- But this is a question of you as a proprietor
- 23 are not in business any longer; that's what you're telling
- 24 me?
- MR. CAMPBELL: That's correct.

- 1 JUDGE TOREM: Now these other advertisements
- 2 that are still out there, you say you're not posting them?
- 3 MR. CAMPBELL: They're not paid advertising.
- 4 And they're not current phones. None of them. They're not
- 5 -- I was unaware that they are there. I'm surprised that
- 6 they are still on the -- they're inaccurate. And they're
- 7 using a phone number which I would rather not be involved
- 8 with because when they call a number that's dead end, in
- 9 other words you get no answer, that's detrimental to my
- 10 former reputation. And I don't like that idea. So I'm
- 11 really surprised that these things were found.
- 12 So we've contacted all of those companies,
- 13 all four of them, and ordered them removed.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Perkinson, what do you know
- 15 about these phone numbers working or not working?
- 16 MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, I didn't call the
- 17 phone numbers listed in the advertisements.
- 18 I brought this case because of the complaint
- 19 that had come into the Commission regarding A Father and
- 20 Fast Careful Sons. It's my understanding that Sheri Hoyt
- 21 with Commission staff received a complaint regarding this
- 22 company. She obtained a business card, which shows the
- 23 company's name, and then also spoke with Mr. Campbell
- 24 regarding the move, at which point he told her that he was
- 25 aware that he was operating illegally and didn't care that

- 1 the Commission required permits.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: So it's a different story than
- 3 you're hearing today?
- 4 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor.
- 5 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Campbell, do you remember
- 6 talking to Ms. Hoyt about this?
- 7 MR. CAMPBELL: To who?
- JUDGE TOREM: Sheri Hoyt, another --
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. I know. We arranged the
- 10 move for her.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: She would have worked for the
- 12 Commission.
- 13 I'm a little confused, Mr. Campbell, as to
- 14 what's going on here.
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: We had a considerable amount
- of referral business in the past. And some of it still
- 17 comes.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: But if your business is
- 19 retirement --
- MR. CAMPBELL: If somebody calls, I refer it
- 21 to some friend that would do some moving, that would move
- 22 such a person. Yeah.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I guess what I'm hearing
- 24 is two different things, and I'm a little confused.
- One, you're telling me you're not doing any

- 1 moves.
- MR. CAMPBELL: That's correct.
- JUDGE TOREM: But you're referring moves to
- 4 people who may or may not have a permit?
- 5 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't know whether they do
- 6 or not.
- 7 JUDGE TOREM: All right. And that's really
- 8 between them and the Commission.
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: It would be helpful if you
- 11 weren't referring folks to an unpermitted mover. But that's
- 12 not why we're here today.
- MR. CAMPBELL: No.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: The other story I'm hearing is
- 15 that Mr. Perkinson said you spoke to our other investigator
- 16 about the move; that she has a business card that apparently
- 17 has your name on it, a separate consumer complaint case, and
- 18 that she got it from the people that were moved.
- 19 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. I'm aware of the --
- JUDGE TOREM: For my purposes today, all I
- 21 need to know is you said you want to cease and desist
- 22 operating illegally. You'd rather retire.
- MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir, I am retired. And
- 24 personally, I don't intend to do any more moving business
- 25 and haven't since '07.

- 1 But I have a grandson that will soon be
- 2 returned from his missionary. And he'll be home in October,
- 3 and he's indicated an interest in getting the permit back.
- 4 And so with that in mind, then -- and I've associated myself
- 5 with the Washington State Utilities for a long time. And so
- 6 I would like to pursue that if he's interested. If he's
- 7 not, why --
- JUDGE TOREM: Well, certainly. The only
- 9 thing I can see standing in your way of getting a permit
- 10 later is if we found you were able to continue operating
- 11 without and just disregarded the Commission's rules. If
- 12 that were the case, it would be likely that they would deny
- 13 your application and not let even your grandson come in
- 14 under the same name and this association.
- 15 So I'm not going to worry about digging in
- 16 and finding out what the truth is about last October's move
- 17 for today's docket. If there's a consumer complaint, that
- 18 can be pursued separately.
- But today it's a question of you say you
- 20 don't have a permit and you're not going to operate?
- MR. CAMPBELL: That's correct.
- JUDGE TOREM: And if you sign an order that
- 23 you heard me talking to Mr. Twiggs from the jail in Idaho,
- 24 we're going to hold you to it.
- MR. CAMPBELL: Good.

- 1 JUDGE TOREM: So if there's a penalty
- 2 involved, and there's a suspended penalty, if you do operate
- 3 again you'll be held for the whole amount.
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: All right.
- 5 JUDGE TOREM: And if there's an obligation to
- 6 be paid and you want to renew your permit, that won't be
- 7 allowed until the penalty is paid in full. Do you
- 8 understand that as well?
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: Right.
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I think we understand
- 11 what choice you want to make here.
- 12 Mr. Perkinson, what's the Commission's
- 13 recommendation in the case for Mr. Campbell?
- 14 MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, Commission staff
- 15 recommends David Campbell, doing business as A Father and
- 16 Fast Careful Sons be assessed a financial penalty in the
- 17 amount of \$5,000 for two violations of RCW 81.80.075.1.
- 18 A \$4500 portion of the penalty will be
- 19 suspended for two years from the date of the order and
- 20 waived subject to the condition that Mr. Campbell, doing
- 21 business as A Father and Fast Careful Sons refrains from
- 22 further operations as a household goods carrier without
- 23 first obtaining a permit from the Commission.
- 24 The remainder of the penalty, \$500, would be
- 25 subject to a payment schedule attached to the order that Mr.

- 1 Campbell and I could negotiate.
- JUDGE TOREM: So Mr. Campbell, what's your
- 3 recommendation on how I handle this?
- 4 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, since I'm retired and on
- 5 Social Security, I would rather be entirely out of it unless
- 6 my grandson shows an interest. I have a lot of background
- 7 information on moving, and so if he shows an interest I'd
- 8 like to help him. But that's in the application and renewal
- 9 of the permit.
- 10 But otherwise I'm retired, and intend to stay
- 11 that way. I personally haven't done any moving for quite a
- 12 long while.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: I'm just a little bit confused
- 14 as to how this case would have got here.
- 15 MR. CAMPBELL: The referrals come to me still
- 16 from the many years of moving that I've done before. And so
- 17 somebody calls and wants me to move them, I tell them, well,
- 18 I'll send somebody out that can do that. And I call
- 19 somebody and ask them if they want to do that. And that's
- 20 the way we move such people. But we --
- JUDGE TOREM: It sure sounds to me, Mr.
- 22 Campbell, like you're arranging these moves; that you're
- 23 running a business still, even if you're hiring out work to
- 24 other people. And I think if I was on the phone, I'd sure
- 25 think I hired you. So we have to find a different way for

- 1 you to do business.
- So if you continue to conduct yourself in the
- 3 way you're describing, you're going to end up liable for the
- 4 whole \$5,000 if I impose a suspended penalty, because the
- 5 Commission is going to call you in a few months and test
- 6 you. And if you arrange a move for them, that \$4500 is
- 7 going to come down, Social Security or not. They're going
- 8 to go after it.
- 9 MR. CAMPBELL: I understand. But I find it
- 10 difficult to turn people down that have relied on me for
- 11 years. But I can do that. I'll get out of it entirely.
- 12 JUDGE TOREM: Well, if you get a permit, you
- 13 can do what you want under the terms of the permit.
- 14 But if you don't have a permit and the staff
- 15 come back before me or another judge, it sure sounds to me
- 16 like you're conducting a household goods business, but
- 17 you're trying to not have a permit and have other people do
- 18 the work for you. I don't know if you're realizing any of
- 19 the income, but you're accepting all the liability and
- 20 running a business with this operation.
- 21 MR. CAMPBELL: I desire to be out of it. And
- 22 I basically am 90 percent out of it, more than that. So
- 23 it's not a big problem. Cease and desist is what --
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: Now Mr. Perkinson is
- 25 recommending you pay a \$500 penalty. How long would it take

- 1 you to pay such a penalty on your apparently fixed income?
- 2 MR. CAMPBELL: It would not be very easy. It
- 3 would not be very easy.
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: I'm going to consider a payment
- 5 schedule that you and Mr. Perkinson can talk about on the
- 6 break. But I think that if you're agreeing to cease and
- 7 desist, that I'm going to follow the recommendation, unless
- 8 Mr. Perkinson comes back after the break and tells me he's
- 9 heard something different from you, to recommend that you
- 10 pay the \$500 on a term that you can afford over time. We'll
- 11 sort out what the schedule might be.
- 12 I don't want you to miss any payments. I'd
- 13 rather set you up to succeed and make sure you're in
- 14 compliance. I don't want to set up anybody that came down
- 15 here today to have a \$5,000 penalty eventually chasing them.
- 16 But if you're going to get a permit, get one.
- 17 If you're not, then stay out of the business.
- 18 MR. CAMPBELL: My wife has had a major
- 19 accident a couple years ago, and not quite lost her life.
- 20 And she's in a wheelchair ever since. It was on the Green
- 21 Valley Road. And with the year and five days in the
- 22 hospital altogether, recovery at Harborview, we have medical
- 23 costs well over \$300,000. Medicare took care of the
- 24 majority of that, but still is very many bills that are not
- 25 paid and can't be paid. We have Medicaid, and that took

- 1 care of most of them. But I have considerable need for
- 2 money. And so it's difficult to just turn away everything.
- 3 But...
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: Again, Mr. Campbell, I don't
- 5 want to put you in further financial straits.
- 6 What I do want to do is put you in compliance
- 7 with this Commission's rules and regulations. Our mission
- 8 is to protect the public. And by doing so, the household
- 9 goods operators out there have to have a permit. We verify
- 10 that they have insurance. We verify that the company has
- 11 done everything they need to with their trucks and
- 12 understands how to charge people under the tariff and the
- 13 right rates and understands the obligations involved with
- 14 the paperwork, bills of lading, and everything else.
- 15 So there's a way to do business right and
- 16 there's a way to do business that gets you back here the
- 17 next time we have Movers Court, or into Superior Court.
- 18 If you're going to agree to the cease and
- 19 desist order, we're going to hold you to the terms of it.
- 20 If you could talk to Mr. Perkinson at the
- 21 break and we come up with a different number other than \$500
- 22 that the Commission staff wants to recommend, I'll consider
- 23 it, okay?
- MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE TOREM: Why don't you step back and

- 1 I'll call the next case.
- We're going to switch to Docket TV-130325,
- 3 Advanced Moving and Packing.
- 4 Mr. Suedel, if you'll step up to the table,
- 5 sir.
- 6 I'll see if I can accelerate this. My time
- 7 estimate is grossly inadequate so far. We're already at
- 8 10:25.
- 9 Mr. Suedel, do you have a copy of the
- 10 declaration of Mr. Perkinson in front of you?
- JUDGE TOREM: Yes, I do.
- 12 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Perkinson, I'm just going
- 13 to take the stick here and move it along.
- Mr. Suedel, this is Docket 130325. Are you
- 15 the owner of Advance Moving and Packing?
- MR. PERKINSON: Yes, I am.
- JUDGE TOREM: Let me go over what the
- 18 Commission's alleged and then I'll swear you in if you want
- 19 to explain anything.
- 20 Apparently in June 2012 the Commission found
- 21 some advertisements in your company's name, did a search and
- 22 figured out you didn't have a permit.
- Then they sent you a letter asking you to
- 24 stop, and then this past January they still found your
- 25 advertisements on Yelp and Facebook.

- 1 MR. SUEDEL: That's correct.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: And they also looked at further
- 3 advertising they found in February on Craigslist.
- 4 And there was an e-mail sent to
- 5 laileyalison@gmail.com responding to that Craigslist
- 6 advertisement using an assumed name and asking for a quote.
- 7 And apparently what they got back from
- 8 Advancedmovingandpacking@gmail.com was offering moving
- 9 services for four hours of work was \$320, two men, and a
- 10 fully equipped moving truck.
- Do you have any idea about that response?
- 12 MR. SUEDEL: Absolutely. Yes. I was the one
- 13 that responded to it.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. So is there any question
- 15 that this occurred?
- MR. SUEDEL: Not at all.
- JUDGE TOREM: And you've already heard a
- 18 couple cases go through. How do you want to proceed with
- 19 your company today?
- MR. SUEDEL: I plan on ceasing and desisting.
- 21 And I have taken the steps towards that that I have proof of
- 22 today.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Let me swear you in and
- 24 I'll hear about those.

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1	JUSTIN SUEDEL, having been duly sworn, testified as
2	follows:
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4	JUDGE TOREM: Thank you.
5	What have you done to take care of these
6	advertisements on various places or to stop operating as a
7	household goods permit without a permit?
8	MR. SUEDEL: Well, first off I found the
9	specific advertisements that were spoken about, including
10	Facebook, Yelp, Craigslist and Thumbtack. And I have pages
11	here that show that I've deleted each one of them.
12	And there should not be any ads online other
13	than a Yelp ad, which I'm having problems getting them to
14	take down because I don't have access to the account because
15	I deleted the e-mail before I deleted the Yelp. It's kind
16	of a problem. But I have sent them, you know, some
17	information claiming it as my business and letting them know
18	that it's shut down and I'd like to take it down.
19	JUDGE TOREM: Do you plan on getting a permit
20	or continuing the business lawfully, or are you planning to
21	just get out of the business?
22	MR. SUEDEL: I recently last week was hired

full time as an apprentice electrician. And I plan on

JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Perkinson, what's the

pursuing that goal and not doing any moves at all.

- 1 Commission's view?
- 2 Have you taken a look at Mr. Suedel's
- 3 correspondence with the ad companies or the other pages?
- 4 MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, I haven't looked
- 5 at the ads that he's brought or the proof that he's brought
- 6 in today.
- 7 I did check yesterday morning, and the
- 8 advertisements were all removed except for, as he stated,
- 9 the Yelp advertisement.
- 10 And I did see that the Facebook advertisement
- 11 is up. I don't know if he removed that today.
- 12 MR. SUEDEL: Yes, I do have proof of removing
- 13 that recently.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: So what's the Commission's
- 15 recommendation in this cease and desist case?
- 16 Would it be similar to the other ones we've
- 17 gone over?
- 18 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE TOREM: So the \$5,000 penalty for
- 20 responding to the ad or the advertisement, \$4500 suspended,
- 21 and a payment of \$500?
- MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor.
- JUDGE TOREM: You said, Mr. Suedel, that you
- 24 would be able to get an apprentice electrician job. I
- 25 assume that's a paying job, not just an apprenticeship.

- 1 MR. SUEDEL: I honestly haven't inquired yet.
- 2 I'm so happy to have a job, I didn't ask.
- JUDGE TOREM: I understand. The economy has
- 4 been difficult.
- 5 You've heard the recommendation. It's been
- 6 pretty consistent. Do you think that's a fair
- 7 recommendation, or do you have something else you'd like to
- 8 recommend?
- 9 MR. SUEDEL: I believe my circumstances might
- 10 be different. Even though I do have the job offer that I
- 11 plan on starting on Friday, I'm currently homeless and in
- 12 search of the tools that are necessary to have my job.
- 13 Two years ago I applied for the
- 14 apprenticeship card, and that was basically only the
- 15 requirement that they had other than all the tools. But I'm
- 16 working hard to gather them now. But after I gather the
- 17 tools and am able to start getting to work, I'm -- you know,
- 18 I plan on finding a place to live because right now I'm
- 19 staying in the U District in shelters and it's been really
- 20 rough. Depending on the time scale that's provided, you
- 21 know, it's either possible or not.
- 22 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I have the Commission's
- 23 recommendation of that \$500. And payment schedules can be
- 24 flexible and extended. But we'll see what you and Mr.
- 25 Perkinson and other staff members might agree to. Hopefully

- 1 we'll come up with an agreed amount.
- 2 I'm not firm on any of these. We have a
- 3 standard recommendation, as you're starting to get the
- 4 pattern. But we'll see what your case merits if you can
- 5 explain that further to staff.
- 6 Anything else you want to explain to me at
- 7 this point?
- 8 MR. SUEDEL: No.
- JUDGE TOREM: Thank you, Mr. Suedel, for
- 10 coming down. I appreciate that. Mr. Perkinson or one of
- 11 the staff will help get your case moving along.
- MR. SUEDEL: Thank you.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: We have three more to call this
- 14 morning.
- 15 Let's switch to docket TV-130326, Mr. Tom
- 16 Harris and Big Earl's Moving and Hauling.
- Good morning, Mr. Harris. How are you?
- 18 MR. HARRIS: Good morning.
- 19 JUDGE TOREM: Hope I'm still in a good mood,
- 20 right?
- MR. HARRIS: Yes. Yes, I do.
- 22 JUDGE TOREM: As we talked about earlier
- 23 downstairs.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: Your case, you don't have the

- 1 paperwork in front of you, but let me remind you what Mr.
- 2 Perkinson's declaration said: That I think in January of
- 3 2011, it goes back to, if the dates are right here, they had
- 4 some investigation in your company's activities.
- 5 There were some advertisements. And Ms.
- 6 Rayne Pearson, who was Mr. Perkinson's predecessor in this
- 7 job and is still a Commission employee, sent you a
- 8 compliance letter. Do you remember getting some
- 9 correspondence from the Commission a couple years back?
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: Well, your Honor, what I do
- 11 remember is discussing the issue with someone about my
- 12 Craigslist list account.
- 13 And to be totally candid with you, I was told
- 14 that what I was doing was irregular and the like. So I took
- 15 down the Craigslist. And I am computer illiterate.
- JUDGE TOREM: What I've got here in the
- 17 declaration is that somewhere at the end of January 2011 you
- 18 had this conversation. And you were going to take down the
- 19 website and promise pack and load services only.
- 20 And then there was a follow-up in July of
- 21 2012
- MR. HARRIS: Okay.
- JUDGE TOREM: So let me just catch up. And
- 24 then I want to swear you in so anything you tell me is under
- 25 oath.

1 MR. HARRIS: Okay. 2 JUDGE TOREM: There was a compliance letter 3 in September of last year. And yet there were still a 4 number of advertisements in January. 5 And then when Mr. Perkinson called in 6 February, using an assumed name, he wanted a quote for two 7 men and a truck for a two-bedroom apartment in Bothell to 8 move somewhere a few miles away. And he says he spoke to 9 Earl if the company would be available. And a male person 10 answered the phone, said he was Earl, and provided a quote 11 of \$80 an hour. 12 So I'll swear you in so you can respond to 13 that. 14 15 THOMAS HARRIS, having been duly sworn, testified as 16 follows: 17 18 JUDGE TOREM: So you've heard what the 19 allegations are. They're saying that there are still 20 advertisements, and that there was a move requested and it 21 was responded to in February. 22 MR. HARRIS: All that I -- yes. 23 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. So you started to tell 24 me about Internet --

MR. HARRIS: Well, the part about the

- 1 Internet part, like I said, I'm illiterate in the computer
- 2 thing, you know. So I paid a friend to get me on it so I
- 3 could do all this nifty stuff. And I asked him to take it
- 4 down back in 2011.
- 5 Hence I couldn't even do a move because I had
- 6 treatable but incurable prostate cancer. That's what I have
- 7 now. So I went through -- you know, through the two-year
- 8 period I went through all this hormone and radiation and all
- 9 that. So I was unable to do the job, do any job.
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: I'm not worried so much about
- 11 2011.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- 13 So hence come the time now, I didn't know
- 14 that it was still up, is what I'm saying, to make it short.
- 15 I didn't know that the site was still up.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay.
- MR. HARRIS: When Matt, if I could be so
- 18 bold, when Matt got in contact with me, I got on the job and
- 19 I contacted the guy who put the sites up and had him take
- 20 them down.
- 21 I would like to cease and desist, in short.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. What happened with this
- 23 phone call back in February?
- 24 You said it was true, that a promise was made
- 25 to move?

- 1 MR. HARRIS: Well, basically -- basically me,
- 2 myself, you know, I'm broke. I don't have any money. I'm
- 3 on disability. I'm disabled at this point.
- 4 So someone calls in and offered me, yes, I
- 5 did do that.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I appreciate your
- 7 honestly on that and taking responsibility that it did
- 8 happen.
- 9 You've heard me preach the same thing. I
- 10 don't want to set you up for failure. If the next time the
- 11 phone rings you're going to say yes, and it happens to be
- 12 Mr. Perkinson with his voice disguised or his name changed,
- 13 then that disability check won't be going to support your
- 14 house. It will be going to pay the Commission. And I'd
- 15 rather not have your money coming into the Commission.
- 16 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir. At this point I'd
- 17 like to take advantage of seeing how I can -- if my health
- 18 gets better, to get the required paperwork and
- 19 documentation.
- JUDGE TOREM: But until you get it, you
- 21 understand you can't operate?
- MR. HARRIS: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: So let me hear about what the
- 24 recommendation from the Commission is or if Mr. Perkinson
- 25 has any questions.

- 1 MR. PERKINSON: The recommendation is similar
- 2 to the others, a \$5,000 penalty.
- JUDGE TOREM: Standard recommendation?
- 4 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, sir.
- 5 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Harris, the standard
- 6 recommendation is pay \$500 now or over a course of months
- 7 that you agree to with the Commission and have the other
- 8 \$4500 hanging out there for two years, meaning if you get
- 9 caught again, then that \$4500 would be due without any
- 10 further proceedings. You don't want a collection agency
- 11 coming after you for that, but that's how we handle business
- 12 here.
- Do you think that's a fair recommendation, or
- 14 do you want to try to tell me something else?
- MR. HARRIS: Well, the \$500 would, you know,
- 16 that \$500 laid in front of me would be a hardship. I'm on
- 17 disability.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: Understood.
- 19 MR. HARRIS: But I do understand why I'm
- 20 here.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: Let me again refer that your
- 22 individual case, if the number comes back, the
- 23 recommendation changes because you persuade one of the
- 24 Commission staff, I'm going to be considering your case and
- 25 all of other ones while we're out. They'll put up an agreed

- 1 order and I can always, when I sign it, change the amount to
- 2 a sum that I feel, based on what I thought about, is
- 3 appropriate for the case.
- 4 MR. HARRIS: Okay.
- 5 JUDGE TOREM: I think the standard
- 6 recommendation tends to be followed. But again, I'm going
- 7 to consider each case as it comes forward to me and press on
- 8 with that.
- 9 If you're ready to negotiate that, I'll call
- 10 the next case. And once we come back from the break, we'll
- 11 see what we end up ordering on paper.
- MR. HARRIS: Okay.
- JUDGE TOREM: Thank you Mr. Harris.
- Next case, I'm going to see if he's shown up,
- 15 TV-130327, Jeffrey Johnson, Jeff's Express Movers.
- They still have not made an appearance.
- So we'll turn to TV-130328, Mark's Pro Movers
- 18 and Mark Schueller.
- 19 Sir, you're here, so if you'll step forward.
- 20 Mr. Schueller, let me just swear you in right away.

- 22 MARK SCHUELLER, having been duly sworn, testified
- 23 as follows:
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: Can you spell your last name??
- THE SCHUELLER: Yes. S-C-H-U-E-L-L-E-R.

- 1 JUDGE TOREM: And I have your name as Mark
- 2 with a K?
- 3 MR. SCHUELLER: Correct.
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Mr. Schueller, I
- 5 see you have some paperwork in front of you, the declaration
- 6 of Mr. Perkinson that was provided. Did you have a chance
- 7 to review that?
- 8 MR. SCHUELLER: I did.
- 9 JUDGE TOREM: And this one says that you came
- 10 to the attention of the Commission back in September last
- 11 year.
- 12 And on September 18, 2012, Mr. Perkinson sent
- 13 you a letter asking to you stop advertising and operating
- 14 without a permit. Do you remember that letter?
- MR. SCHUELLER: I do.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. And apparently in
- 17 February of 2013, Mr. Perkinson's declaration says he still
- 18 found advertisements out there. And on February 14 he found
- 19 them on ocregister.com, listings.expressupdateUSA.com, a
- 20 local Yahoo! page, a directory for a PNW Marketplace -- I
- 21 imagine that's Pacific Northwest Marketplace -- a
- 22 promovers.net, and even a web card at ubl.org. So some
- 23 proliferation of advertising.
- MR. SCHUELLER: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: And on February 20, an e-mail

- 1 was sent to Mark\_Schueller@yahoo.com replying to the web
- 2 card ubl.org and got a response quoting \$90 an hour for two
- 3 men and a 24-foot box truck.
- Are you familiar with all of that?
- 5 MR. SCHUELLER: I remember the quote.
- 6 But I don't understand where all these other
- 7 little advertising deals came from. I have someone who
- 8 takes care of that.
- 9 And as soon as I got a phone call from him,
- 10 he told me, "Make sure you try to shut down as much
- 11 advertising as you can." I did that.
- JUDGE TOREM: How did you go about doing
- 13 that?
- 14 MR. SCHUELLER: I called the guy who does
- 15 advertising for me and had him shut my web page down with my
- 16 phones and voice mail and things too as well.
- 17 JUDGE TOREM: Can you pull that microphone a
- 18 little closer. I want to make sure that I and the court
- 19 reporter can hear you.
- Which one is your website?
- MR. SCHUELLER: Promovers.net.
- 22 JUDGE TOREM: And as far as you know, it's
- 23 been shut down?
- MR. SCHUELLER: Yes, it has been.
- JUDGE TOREM: And these other ones?

- 1 MR. SCHUELLER: I think they all spider
- 2 together. I've never even heard of any of these little
- 3 company deals. I don't know how that works.
- 4 But I told him shut down everything until I
- 5 can come here, try to get everything in order. And then as
- 6 soon as I get back from today's hearing, if it's -- then I'm
- 7 going to tell him what's going on from there because I do
- 8 want to get things in order.
- 9 JUDGE TOREM: So what are you wanting to do
- 10 today?
- 11 MR. SCHUELLER: I want to get the
- 12 certificate. I'm hopeful to get the certificate.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: And do you understand you can't
- 14 operate until you get it?
- MR. SCHUELLER: Yes.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: So you're not contesting that
- 17 the move offer and quote was given?
- 18 MR. SCHUELLER: Yes, I gave that quote.
- JUDGE TOREM: And you're not contesting that
- 20 your Promovers.net was up?
- 21 MR. SCHUELLER: The web page was up at that
- 22 time.
- JUDGE TOREM: So at least one advertisement
- 24 was out there and at least one offer to perform a move
- 25 without a permit?

- 1 MR. SCHUELLER: That's correct.
- JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Perkinson, have you had a
- 3 chance to verify any of the cease and desist activities that
- 4 he's described?
- 5 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor. I went to
- 6 the Promovers.net website yesterday morning and it is
- 7 inactive.
- 8 Also the Pacific Northwest Marketplace one
- 9 was inactive.
- 10 A couple of the other ones were still active.
- 11 As he stated, it could be that it's being pulled from a
- 12 different advertisement.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I've seen this, Mr.
- 14 Schueller, before over the course of these proceedings. The
- 15 Internet advertising, like you say, may be unsponsored,
- 16 unsolicited, that they take something and put it up.
- But we do hold you responsible that they
- 18 figured out you had a business. It should have been
- 19 permitted. If it was permitted, it would have been good
- 20 free advertising. At this point it's a liability for you
- 21 until you get a permit.
- 22 We're not that hard up on these other ones
- 23 that you can't control. I appreciate you've taken some
- 24 effort. If you'll continue those efforts, it will insure
- 25 that we at least have some circumstances where each time you

- 1 get a phone call from the Commission you're hammering away
- 2 or sending a letter or doing something to show us you're
- 3 trying not to break the rules and break the law.
- 4 MR. SCHUELLER: Yeah, I don't want to do
- 5 that.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: We'd rather you didn't either.
- 7 I anticipate, Mr. Perkinson, you're going to
- 8 make a standard recommendation if he chooses to cease and
- 9 desist until he gets a permit?
- 10 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: So, Mr. Schueller, you've heard
- 12 that recommendation a few times today. It's a \$5,000
- 13 penalty. It's half of the maximum for the one
- 14 advertisement, one move solicitation. \$4500 will be
- 15 suspended and \$500 payable as penance, I guess for trying to
- 16 have a business without a permit subject to having an
- 17 agreeable payment schedule.
- 18 Did you want to see something different?
- 19 MR. SCHUELLER: No, I'll agree with that.
- JUDGE TOREM: Then we'll get on to the next
- 21 -- the last case on the docket this morning who is present,
- 22 I think, and then have your case come back and have an
- 23 agreed order ready to enter shortly.
- MR. SCHUELLER: Okay.
- 25 JUDGE TOREM: The last one I know is here is

- 1 Mr. Wade Taylor, Docket No. TV-130329, Professional
- 2 Relocations Moving Company?
- 3 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning to the Court.

- 5 WADE TAYLOR, having been duly sworn, testified as
- follows:

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- 8 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Taylor, your name seems
- 9 familiar. Did we meet about a year ago in a couple of
- 10 these?
- 11 MR. TAYLOR: Yes. I want to say I'm sorry
- 12 for being here again.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: That's okay. I want to make
- 14 sure it wasn't a different Wade Taylor.
- 15 MR. TAYLOR: No. That was me. I was here
- 16 about two years ago.
- JUDGE TOREM: So let me turn to your case,
- 18 again, 130329. And if I have it right, Mr. Perkinson's
- 19 declaration talks about your case was Docket TV-121650 back
- 20 in October. And your permit was suspended for 30 days for
- 21 lack of insurance. And then you must have gotten a permit
- 22 after we last spoke?
- MR. TAYLOR: Yes. I was doing very well last
- 24 time I was here, you know, abiding by rules.
- I'd just like to say that I have no desire to

- 1 skirt the law and be an illegal carrier. You know, I desire
- 2 to be a respected business in my community. And I'm well
- 3 known there and, you know, my business is popular in the
- 4 community.
- 5 Basically, last year -- you know, moving is
- 6 kind of seasonal. Last year I broke a bone in my foot. And
- 7 being an entrepreneur, no insurance, kind of put me out for
- 8 the summer and I wasn't able to continue paying -- you know,
- 9 it's about \$1,000 for my cargo insurance. I just flat
- 10 wasn't able to continue paying on that at the time.
- 11 And being that I was out of commission myself
- 12 last year, I just couldn't do it. I should have notified
- 13 you guys.
- 14 But anyway, I would like to get back in
- 15 business and --
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: So when they canceled your
- 17 permit back in November, they still found advertisements up
- 18 in February; and that whole assumed name requesting a quote,
- 19 on February 14 here; and it says on February 19 there was a
- 20 response from an e-mail address called qualityrelo@yahoo.com
- 21 offering moving services at \$85 an hour for two men and a
- 22 truck. And you were listed as the contact person?
- MR. TAYLOR: Right.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: So did that actually happen?
- 25 MR. TAYLOR: I don't doubt that it did. I

- 1 don't remember specifically.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. So if I'm hearing you
- 3 right, you had a permit and were going along until you
- 4 couldn't afford your insurance anymore?
- 5 MR. TAYLOR: Exactly. I got into debt and I
- 6 couldn't pay it.
- 7 Right now I'm healthy now. And you know, I
- 8 want to resume, you know, activity and make something out of
- 9 myself doing this.
- 10 JUDGE TOREM: You're in Bremerton; is that
- 11 right?
- MR. TAYLOR: Yes.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: All right. So at this point,
- 14 what do you want to do today to resolve the current
- 15 complaint?
- 16 MR. TAYLOR: I would like to reapply for my
- 17 permit if I could.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Well, until you get it,
- 19 you understand the Commission is going to expect you're not
- 20 operating?
- 21 MR. TAYLOR: Right. I do have another means
- 22 of income right now. And like I said, I've been here before
- 23 and I kind of know the layout.
- 24 I'm still operating as like a U-Haul loader
- 25 or actually, you know, packing belongings; you know what I

- 1 mean?
- JUDGE TOREM: Pack and load?
- 3 MR. TAYLOR: Yes. But I agree not to
- 4 actually transport people's belongings because I realize you
- 5 guys are here for a reason. There's a lot of shady
- 6 companies out there. And I'm not trying to be that.
- 7 JUDGE TOREM: I appreciate your coming down
- 8 and being here to say that under oath and talk to me again.
- 9 Let me see what Mr. Perkinson's
- 10 recommendation is on your case.
- MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, it's going to be
- 12 standard recommendation, the \$4500 suspended of the \$5,000.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Mr. Taylor, does that
- 14 sound -- you couldn't afford the insurance before. This is
- 15 going to be another \$500 on top of whatever it takes you to
- 16 get your permit back. Is that agreeable to you?
- 17 MR. TAYLOR: I mean, if I had a little bit of
- 18 time, you know, I have a lot of things I'm putting together
- 19 right now. But if I had some time to pay it off, I could.
- 20 JUDGE TOREM: When we take a break here,
- 21 you'll have a chance to describe how long it's going to be
- 22 and then we'll hold you to it.
- When we go on a break I'm going to go back
- 24 and take a look and see if I can figure out what we did with
- 25 you last time and make sure that all the payments were made

- 1 and that case is clear.
- 2 I'm a little bit surprised that staff isn't
- 3 suggesting a harder penalty as sort of a repeat customer.
- 4 But, again you're back, which says enough on its own, but
- 5 you're back with a good attitude and a willingness to comply
- 6 verbally.
- 7 We don't have a three strikes law here at the
- 8 Commission. Our goal really is compliance. So if we're
- 9 going to have you comply, I want to believe you, but there's
- 10 a certain knowledge of the ways of the world I have from
- 11 being a lawyer for 20 years and being a judge at this
- 12 Commission for six and six at another agency. That's why I
- 13 want to look at what we talked about last time and make sure
- 14 that nobody else here wants to come back a second time,
- 15 because we do keep our records and we want to hold you to
- 16 it.
- 17 MR. TAYLOR: I understand where you're coming
- 18 from. Yes.
- 19 JUDGE TOREM: All right. So no need to harp
- 20 on that further.
- Is there anything else you want to tell me
- 22 before we take our break?
- MR. TAYLOR: No. I think I expressed myself.
- 24 You know, I'd like to be a respected company in my town.
- JUDGE TOREM: Great. Thank you. So if you

- 1 resume your seat, I'm going to give one more chance to Joedy
- 2 Smith and Moving Guys, TV-130332.
- I haven't seen anybody else come in. So I
- 4 have the head shake. Nobody else signed in downstairs.
- 5 Mr. Perkinson, not at this time, but after
- 6 the break, we'll entertain any motions to hold The Moving
- 7 Guys and Jeff's Express Movers in default and enter orders
- 8 based on whatever the Commission's recommendations might be.
- 9 But I don't want to keep these folks waiting any further.
- 10 For everybody else, we've disposed of the one
- 11 case by phone.
- 12 There's five cases that need to be entered.
- 13 We have staff here ready to work with you based on the terms
- 14 that they've heard you discuss with me. The standard
- 15 recommendation has been made to each of you that \$500 be
- 16 paid. So be prepared to talk to staff about the terms under
- 17 which you can make the payment.
- 18 If you want to try to convince staff that it
- 19 should be a different number or come back and again pitch it
- 20 one more time to me, we can do that after the break.
- 21 Any questions on what we need to do at this
- 22 point?
- Okay. Thank you. We'll be at recess.
- It's now ten minutes to 11:00. Hopefully it
- 25 should take 20, 30 minutes. But Mr. Perkinson will send

- 1 someone down to my office to get me when we're all ready,
- 2 and we'll just take the cases again in number order and get
- 3 you an signed order with your signature on it and mine, and
- 4 you'll know what you have to do to be in compliance.
- 5 Thank you. We're at recess.
- 6 (Recess from 10:50 11:30 a.m.)
- JUDGE TOREM: It's 11:30, ready to go back on
- 8 the record. Mr. Perkinson has indicated that each of the
- 9 five movers that showed up today have had an opportunity to
- 10 talk with staff and come up with a recommendation that at
- 11 least the staff will be making and review the terms of the
- 12 order.
- 13 Mr. Perkinson, do you have an order of the
- 14 cases you wanted me to call them up?
- 15 MR. PERKINSON: I believe it should be the
- 16 order -- did you get the original orders?
- 17 THE COURT: Not yet. So we'll get those
- 18 handed up.
- 19 And we'll start with Mr. Campbell first,
- 20 TV-130324. Come on back up to the table, sir.
- 21 I've got in front of me a copy of the
- 22 proposed order stipulating that the business you were
- 23 conducting qualified as a household goods carrier business
- 24 and ordering you to cease and desist, imposing and
- 25 suspending penalties on condition of future compliance.

- 1 And this has the recommendation that Mr.
- 2 Perkinson made earlier, that you be assessed a penalty of
- 3 \$5,000 with 4,000 of it suspended for a period of two years,
- 4 with a penalty of \$500 due and a \$100 payment each, starting
- 5 in June and the final total amount of 500 being due on
- 6 October 1, 2013. That's the penalty assessment -- it hasn't
- 7 changed -- in five \$100 payments.
- 8 Mr. Campbell, did you have a chance to talk
- 9 to Mr. Perkinson about this?
- 10 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: Anything else you want me to
- 12 know about it before I decide if this is what I want to
- 13 rule?
- MR. CAMPBELL: No.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: And did you negotiate that
- 16 payment schedule with him?
- 17 Is that something you think you can afford to
- 18 make those payments?
- MR. CAMPBELL: I think so.
- JUDGE TOREM: All right. Then again, I want
- 21 to make sure you understand that the way the Commission
- 22 views what you've been doing, if you answer the phone and
- 23 somebody wants to move, if you don't have a permit, the
- 24 Commission is never going to look badly upon you if you say,
- 25 "No, I can't offer to move you. Here is another moving

- 1 company, call them yourself." That will be fine.
- 2 But if you arrange the move, somebody ends up
- 3 with your business card, then this other \$4,500 could come
- 4 due on you. And all it's going to take is them finding out
- 5 that you're still advertising and that you answer that phone
- 6 number. All it's going to take is that they call and ask
- 7 for a move and you offer to provide it.
- 8 So I want to make sure before I sign this
- 9 that you understand you're going to pay \$500 over the course
- 10 of the rest of the year per the payment schedule, but I
- 11 don't want to have to see you pay any more of that income
- 12 that you're finding difficult enough to live on because you
- 13 continue to do something the Commission considers household
- 14 good moving.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I understand.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: So if you're retired, you're
- 17 retired.
- 18 I'm going to sign this, Mr. Perkinson, unless
- 19 there's anything else I need to know.
- MR. PERKINSON: No, your Honor.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Then I'm going to
- 22 enter this order now. I'll hand the original back to you,
- 23 Mr. Perkinson, to make sure that we get a copy to Mr.
- 24 Campbell.
- 25 Mr. Campbell, I wish you luck. And stay

- 1 retired or come back and get a permit, okay?
- MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, sir.
- 3 JUDGE TOREM: The next case is going to be
- 4 Mr. Justin Suedel. This is TV-130325. Again, a similar
- 5 order here, Mr. Suedel, and it looks like the Commission is
- 6 still recommending that penalty of \$5,000 but they are
- 7 recommending that the entire penalty be suspended. So
- 8 they're not asking you to make any payment, but they're
- 9 asking you to make sure that you stay off the mover's rolls
- 10 and not offer any moving services for two years from the
- 11 date of the order.
- 12 So it appears they took into consideration
- 13 your homelessness?
- MR. SUEDEL: Yes.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: Good. Because I was going to
- 16 consider doing so if they didn't.
- MR. SUEDEL: Thank you, your Honor.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: I trust it's a hard enough
- 19 situation, and that getting the job as an electrician is
- 20 going to be a better way to make a living. I hope it works
- 21 out.
- 22 Do you have any questions about the order?
- MR. SUEDEL: No.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: So there's no payment due. But
- 25 in this order I'm going to put that \$5,000 deferral as a

- 1 deterrent out there for two years.
- 2 So if it comes time that somebody calls and
- 3 wants to you do any moving because they found that Yelp ad
- 4 that you still haven't gotten taken down, you have to say
- 5 no. You understand that?
- 6 MR. SUEDEL: Absolutely.
- 7 JUDGE TOREM: I'm going to sign this order.
- 8 And I'm glad that you and Commission staff were able to
- 9 reach an agreement and that this isn't hanging out there
- 10 other than as a deterrent, but not a financial liability
- 11 that I'm not sure you could afford right now.
- MR. SUEDEL: Right.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: Anything else you want to tell
- 14 me about the situation, or is it back to Seattle?
- 15 MR. SUEDEL: It's back to Seattle soon.
- I would like to say I have had to turn down
- 17 recent jobs, so I already have started that process.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Maybe you know somebody
- 19 else that has a permit you could refer them to. But stay
- 20 out of the business yourself.
- MR. SUEDEL: Right.
- JUDGE TOREM: All right. Good luck, Mr.
- 23 Suedel.
- MR. SUEDEL: Thank you.
- JUDGE TOREM: Switching now to Docket

- 1 TV-130326, this is the case of Thomas Harris and Big Earl's
- 2 Moving and Hauling.
- 3 It appears to me that this is the same order
- 4 telling you to cease and desist and stay out like we talked
- 5 about. It says that we're going to have a \$4,500 penalty,
- 6 and then the \$500 payment is still going to be due and
- 7 payable. The payment schedule you've worked out is the
- 8 similar one I just mentioned with Mr. Campbell's case, \$100
- 9 per month starting in June. So you have about five or six
- 10 weeks to get the first payment in, and it will be monthly
- 11 until October 1. Is that what you negotiated with staff?
- 12 MR. HARRIS: Yes. That's what I negotiated
- 13 with him.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. And do you have
- 15 something else you want to talk to me about?
- MR. HARRIS: Well, yes, sir. Seeing that I
- 17 am on a fixed income and any new incurrences on my money is
- 18 outside of the parameters, what I would like to do is
- 19 discuss the door prize, you know, whatever -- I brought \$200
- 20 with me today. I'd like to just go ahead and be charged
- 21 \$200 today and be done with this grand finale.
- JUDGE TOREM: So you want to put it all
- 23 behind you?
- MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE TOREM: We've done some things similar

- 1 where people have paid before.
- What I'm worried about, Mr. Harris, with you,
- 3 is that if the phone rings next week, you might say yes to
- 4 somebody. And what's still going to be outstanding here is
- 5 the suspended portion of the penalty, whatever it's going to
- 6 be.
- 7 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir. I comprehend all
- 8 that. And I'd like to alleviate your worries, but I have
- 9 worries about making it back up I-5.
- 10 So I give you my assurance that I don't need
- 11 any problems in my life. And that's why I'm here today, is
- 12 to be in compliance. I have enough issues to deal with.
- I would like to do what I said and ask your
- 14 -- for your lenience.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: And I considered your medical
- 16 condition and I've thought about this. The one thing that
- 17 stands out from just saying "sold" is that we had a talk
- 18 with you, apparently in 2011, and this isn't your first
- 19 instance wrestling with the Commission.
- 20 MR. HARRIS: My understanding was different
- 21 then, though. What I understood from the person on the
- 22 phone was that I couldn't advertise that I had a truck.
- 23 That was the misunderstanding that I made.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I'll tell you what. Why
- 25 don't you take a seat again. I want to consider what you're

- 1 telling me and think about it. I don't want to just rashly
- 2 say no, denied.
- 3 But I want to give it some more thought and
- 4 see what the other gentlemen here have to say, and then see
- 5 if we can work out something that allows you to make a
- 6 payment today so there's something in it for the Commission
- 7 today, not June 1, and maybe work out, if there's going to
- 8 be a lesser penalty, a different payment schedule. I am
- 9 willing to consider it, but I want to give it a little more
- 10 thought.
- 11 So let's take a few more minutes to get
- 12 through the other dockets. And I want to handle the default
- 13 cases.
- 14 So if you're willing to stick around for
- 15 another 10 or 15 minutes, I'll give it some more thought. I
- 16 can't promise it will be a different result, but you'll get
- 17 the benefit of some wheels turning.
- 18 MR. HARRIS: That's always good.
- 19 JUDGE TOREM: Thank you. I'm going to take
- 20 your case and set it aside.
- 21 Call Mr. Schueller, TV-130328. Mr.
- 22 Schueller, this is the cease and desist order we talked
- 23 about before we took a break. It looks like the standard
- 24 recommendation is being followed here, and it's captured in
- 25 a synopsis and also into the basic order portion of this.

- 1 Have you had a chance to review the order?
- 2 MR. SCHUELLER: I have.
- JUDGE TOREM: You looked at what it's going
- 4 to look like, this order?
- I don't know if you saw a copy of it.
- 6 MR. SCHUELLER: No. I didn't. I thought it
- 7 was this paperwork here.
- 8 JUDGE TOREM: The order I'm looking at, the
- 9 key part you can see in an italicized synopsis, says that
- 10 you would have that \$4,500 suspended and \$500 due and
- 11 payable.
- 12 You've signed this page here that says you've
- 13 agreed, and you're asking to make it in the course of three
- 14 payments, June, July and August; is that your understanding?
- 15 MR. SCHUELLER: Yes, unless I can maybe make,
- 16 you know, full payment, would I be able to get, like, some
- 17 sort of discount if I pay like \$400 today?
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: I appreciate the bargaining. I
- 19 really do.
- MR. SCHUELLER: 400 today and save me 100?
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: No, I wish we could do it that
- 22 way.
- MR. SCHUELLER: I'll make the payments, then.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: No. If you want to pay early,
- 25 you can always pay early and that way you know it's done.

- 1 MR. SCHUELLER: All right.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: But I'm going to enter this
- 3 order, then, for you to make those payments over three
- 4 times.
- If you want to pay cash today and make sure
- 6 you don't miss that first payment, that's fine. And then
- 7 you just have to pay the balance by the end date. And in
- 8 your case, the last payment is due August 1.
- 9 MR. SCHUELLER: Yes. So I'll make a payment
- 10 today before I leave.
- JUDGE TOREM: One of the staff will help you
- 12 make sure that gets processed and gets you a receipt and
- 13 gets into the system, probably with tomorrow's date, if I
- 14 recall correctly.
- MR. SCHUELLER: Okay.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: So I've signed your order, Mr.
- 17 Schueller. And I'll hand that back to the staff and get you
- 18 on your way.
- 19 Thank you for coming down, and hopefully we
- 20 don't see you back again.
- 21 MR. SCHUELLER: No, I don't think that will
- 22 happen.
- JUDGE TOREM: I hope not.
- Mr. Taylor, your case is, today, Docket
- 25 TV-130329.

- I went back and I looked, Mr. Taylor. When
- 2 we first set up this format, you were on the maiden voyage
- 3 and ended up agreeing to cease and desist for a period of a
- 4 year and pay a \$300 fine at that time.
- 5 It looks like today staff is recommending
- 6 that standard recommendation of a \$5,000 penalty, \$4500 of
- 7 it suspended, and a \$500 payment this time.
- 8 And as best I could tell, the one-year period
- 9 of time, that would have been a \$3,000 penalty, \$2700
- 10 suspended. If I remember the dates in the declaration, you
- 11 made it through that period.
- MR. TAYLOR: All right.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: This is a two-year period of
- 14 time.
- 15 I just wanted to draw the distinction between
- 16 when you were here last, it was a one-year period and you
- 17 made it.
- 18 This is a two-year period. So if I sign this
- 19 order, you're going to owe the \$500.
- 20 And the payment schedule you've negotiated
- 21 was three payments. Is that something that you worked out
- 22 with staff?
- MR. TAYLOR: Yeah, the first of which being
- 24 today.
- 25 And I'd like to say I appreciate the

- leniency, since I have priors.
- 2 JUDGE TOREM: I just want to make sure with
- 3 that prior, that if the goal is compliance, that if you're
- 4 going to go back to having this business in Bremerton, that
- 5 you're able to do it, not have to come back for a third
- 6 time.
- 7 And this will be a total of \$800 you've paid
- 8 out of pocket to the Commission that hopefully could have
- 9 been better served with insurance or something else.
- 10 MR. TAYLOR: Right. Absolutely.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: I'd much rather see you in
- 12 business doing good moves and getting good reviews and not
- 13 having troubles.
- So is this agreeable to you, then, and you're
- 15 going to be able to make this?
- 16 And if you don't get your permit, that being
- 17 two years, that you can't accept the risk of another 4500,
- 18 which I assume would be crushing?
- 19 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, I understand that. And my
- 20 goal is to apply for the permit again as soon as possible.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Well, I'm going to sign
- 22 this order in and get you on your way to making a payment
- 23 today. And we'll make sure that staff gets it processed,
- 24 that you have the July 1 and August 1 payments that will be
- 25 due as well.

- 1 MR. TAYLOR: Right. Thank you.
- JUDGE TOREM: All right. Thank you.
- 3 Mr. Perkinson, before we take back up Mr.
- 4 Harris' case, let's turn to Docket TV-130327. This is
- 5 Jeff's Express Movers.
- 6 Have you had an opportunity to check voice
- 7 mail or anything else to see they're not here today, there's
- 8 nobody else here indicating they're from the company?
- 9 Have you had any contact with them as a
- 10 result of the enforcement action?
- 11 MR. PERKINSON: One second here.
- 12 I have not heard from the company this
- 13 morning. I didn't have any voice mails or anything as of
- 14 this hearing, and they're not in the room at this time.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Can you tell me whether
- 16 they know about the hearing, how they were served with the
- 17 notice?
- 18 MR. PERKINSON: Yes. The Utilities and
- 19 Transportation Commission works with ABC Legal. It's a
- 20 legal service company. And a mandatory appearance, a copy
- 21 of the order of the complaint, subpoena and declaration were
- 22 served on Mr. Johnson on March 23, 2013 at 7:19 p.m.
- JUDGE TOREM: And do you have a description
- of what the process server said in that case?
- 25 MR. PERKINSON: Yes. The process server said

- 1 that the person served was John Doe, who refused to give a
- 2 name, but was listed as a co-resident.
- JUDGE TOREM: John Doe was listed as a
- 4 co-resident, or they said they just didn't know who they
- 5 were?
- 6 MR. PERKINSON: The documents were served to
- 7 John Doe. The person refused to give their name. But they
- 8 have noted that it was a co-resident at that address.
- 9 JUDGE TOREM: How do they know it wasn't Mr.
- 10 Johnson?
- 11 Did they -- that just sounds confusing to me.
- 12 They served somebody at the address.
- MR. PERKINSON: Yes, they did.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: Did they give you anything
- 15 further that says they know it was -- he lived there?
- 16 MR. PERKINSON: I want to say that I heard
- 17 from Mr. Johnson himself, who had said that he was going to
- 18 be here today. I don't have that noted, unfortunately.
- 19 Okay. Here we go. I apologize, your Honor.
- 20 I spoke with Mr. Johnson on April 9, 2013, at which point I
- 21 reminded him of the time of the hearing and the possibility
- 22 of a default order being entered against his company, and
- 23 that if he didn't appear that it would carry a penalty of
- 24 \$5,000.
- 25 JUDGE TOREM: So the notice says they served

- 1 it to somebody?
- 2 MR. PERKINSON: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: And they think it's a
- 4 co-resident, but they didn't get a name. Do they have a
- 5 description?
- 6 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, they do.
- 7 JUDGE TOREM: I'll have you read it into the
- 8 record today.
- 9 MR. PERKINSON: A black male, approximately
- 10 35 to 45 years of age, 6' to 6' 6'' tall and weighing 180 to
- 11 220 pounds with glasses.
- 12 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. So maybe he weighs a
- 13 little less without the glasses?
- MR. PERKINSON: That might be the case.
- 15 JUDGE TOREM: All right, then. So we know
- 16 somebody got served.
- 17 We know that you had a conversation with
- 18 somebody named Jeff Johnson since then. And you think he
- 19 knew about the case today?
- MR. PERKINSON: Yes.
- 21 JUDGE TOREM: Did he say he was coming or not
- 22 coming?
- MR. PERKINSON: He said he was planning on
- 24 attending.
- JUDGE TOREM: Okay. But nothing else?

- You haven't heard anything else since then?

  MR. PERKINSON: I have not heard, no.
- JUDGE TOREM: So what's the Commission's
- 4 position on this case?
- 5 MR. PERKINSON: At this time, we'd like to
- 6 issue an order classifying the respondent as a household
- 7 goods carrier, ordering the respondent to cease and desist
- 8 and impose penalties and a default order. The Commission
- 9 will find Jeffrey Johnson, doing business as Jeff's Express
- 10 Movers, in default for failing to appear at the hearing.
- 11 In addition, if the initial order becomes
- 12 final, Jeffrey Johnson, doing business as Jeff's Express
- 13 Movers, will be classified as a household goods carrier and
- 14 assessed a financial penalty in the amount of \$5,000 for two
- 15 violations of RCW 81.80.075.1, and be required to cease and
- 16 desist from operating as a household goods carrier without
- 17 first obtaining a permit from the Commission.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: So my understanding is the full
- 19 \$5,000 penalty, no hold in abeyance, no suspended penalty.
- 20 If by chance Mr. Johnson gets this order and
- 21 realizes he missed it, he can petition -- there will be
- 22 advice in the notice that says he can petition to remove the
- 23 default and have his case heard?
- MR. PARKINSON: Yes, your Honor.
- JUDGE TOREM: I want to make sure we have

- 1 that in the order at this time. So when you hand that up,
- 2 if that's in there I'll sign it, find him in default, have
- 3 him pay the full freight, \$5,000, or be responsible for it
- 4 in any case, and go from there.
- If he does somehow get in touch with the
- 6 Commission, then I recommend the Commission advise him on
- 7 how to file that written order or petition seeking to have
- 8 this hearing reinstated. And we'll take up whether he had
- 9 good cause to miss today's proceedings at that time.
- MR. PARKINSON: Okay.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: So if you hand that up, I want
- 12 to make sure that notice on how to appeal is in there if he
- 13 chooses to read this.
- MR. PARKINSON: I think it's on the last page
- 15 in the back.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: I believe so. I think in the
- 17 prior iterations of Mover's Court, we've fine tuned that
- 18 part of the document.
- 19 So you have the portion in here that says he
- 20 failed to appear.
- 21 All right. So this notice provides him ten
- 22 days after he gets served with this default order to file a
- 23 written motion asking that this be vacated and we go back on
- 24 the record and hear what his case is if he has good cause.
- 25 So if the Commission used a legal service

- 1 last time, or if there's another way to let him know this
- 2 order is coming so he understands that he's been held in
- 3 default, I would encourage you to make that extra effort so
- 4 that Mr. Johnson has every chance to get into compliance.
- 5 All right. I'll hand this back and we'll get
- 6 this order served out in the mail, and if we can, get it
- 7 personally delivered.
- 8 The next case is TV-130032. This is Joedy
- 9 Smith. And the name of the company is The Moving Guys.
- 10 Mr. Perkinson, what do you know about that
- 11 case?
- 12 MR. PERKINSON: Again, we work with ABC Legal
- 13 Service, the Commission does, and a mandatory appearance
- 14 letter and copy of the order and complaint, subpoena and
- 15 declaration were served at the address for Mr. Smith on
- 16 April 3, 2013 at 7:20 p.m.
- 17 The documents were served on Jane Doe, the
- 18 wife or ex-wife of Mr. Joedy Smith. Neighbors, apparently
- 19 at the residence, confirmed that it was the wife.
- 20 And I did bring the proof of service with me
- 21 today and the invoice from ABC Legal if you'd like me to go
- 22 over the details of that.
- JUDGE TOREM: Do we know -- you referred to
- 24 her as the wife and the ex-wife. Do you know if he still
- 25 lives at that address?

- 1 MR. PERKINSON: Your Honor, I did receive a
- 2 phone call from the wife. She said that he's no longer
- 3 living at that address, that he's actually been arrested.
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: So now, what was the date of
- 5 service?
- 6 MR. PERKINSON: April 3, yes.
- 7 JUDGE TOREM: And what was the date of your
- 8 conversation with her?
- 9 MR. PERKINSON: It would have been following
- 10 the service. So I don't know the date noted here. A couple
- 11 of days after the service was accomplished, she contacted me
- 12 and said Mr. Smith -- "my ex-husband" is how she referred to
- 13 the individual -- is in jail.
- 14 JUDGE TOREM: So he's in jail.
- MR. PERKINSON: Correct.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: Do you know, was he still a
- 17 resident on April 3 when it was served?
- 18 MR. PERKINSON: I don't believe so.
- JUDGE TOREM: Were you able to verify that he
- 20 was in jail?
- 21 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, I was.
- JUDGE TOREM: How did you do that?
- MR. PERKINSON: I went to the King County --
- 24 I believe it's the district court website, and I was able to
- 25 find his name listed as incarcerated March 10, 2013.

- 1 JUDGE TOREM: His last name is Smith. I
- 2 notice that his first name is spelled J-O-E-D-Y. Were you
- 3 able to find someone of that name in the jail?
- 4 MR. PERKINSON: Yes, I was.
- JUDGE TOREM: I'm sure there's a lot of
- 6 Smiths.
- 7 MR. PERKINSON: And I did print that out
- 8 today, if you would like a copy.
- 9 JUDGE TOREM: Do you have any idea whether he
- 10 has notice of this?
- 11 Did the ex-wife say that he knows about this
- 12 problem, or is there any other record of communications?
- 13 MR. PERKINSON: It's my understanding that
- 14 the wife is not communicating that to him and doesn't want
- 15 anything to do with that anymore.
- 16 JUDGE TOREM: So she's not part of The Moving
- 17 Guy's business?
- 18 MR. PERKINSON: As far as I can tell, no.
- 19 JUDGE TOREM: So different than what we had
- 20 today with the wife in Richland and the owner of the
- 21 business in jail in Idaho.
- 22 What's the Commission's position on this one,
- 23 whether Mr. Smith can be held in default?
- 24 MR. PERKINSON: Commission would go ahead
- 25 with its recommendation to find Joedy Smith, doing business

- 1 as The Moving Guys, in default under RCW 34-05-440 and WAC
- 2 480-07-450 for failure to appear at this hearing. Joedy
- 3 Smith, doing business as The Moving Guys, has also failed to
- 4 comply with the subpoena issued by the Commission which
- 5 commanded it to appear today.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: What I'd like to do is have you
- 7 mark those documents as exhibits. And I'll gladly admit the
- 8 service.
- 9 But with your testimony indicating that the
- 10 ex-wife received the service, I'm not convinced that the
- 11 statute allowing for someone else that's an adult at the
- 12 home being served is going to be satisfied here.
- 13 Interestingly enough, in the appellate
- 14 advance sheets yesterday, there's a case that talks about
- 15 anybody above the age of 14 being acceptable by, I guess the
- 16 Supreme Court in this state, they can take your service. So
- 17 my own boys are almost of age to take legal process for me,
- 18 but not yet.
- 19 The ex-wife, though, if he doesn't live there
- 20 any longer and it's not his normal place of abode, I don't
- 21 know where he's going to live next, but I'm not inclined to
- 22 enter a default against him if we haven't had the Commission
- 23 met the requirements of the statute.
- 24 What I would encourage the Commission to do,
- 25 if it still wants to pursue Joedy Smith, if you're going to

- 1 press with the recommendation today, I'm going to deny it.
- 2 I'm not going to sign the order.
- 3 I'll issue a separate order denying the
- 4 motion for default and explaining it. So we won't use the
- 5 form orders today. I'm taking on some work.
- 6 However, if the Commission wants to make
- 7 another attempt at service in the jail or find out what his
- 8 release date might be, that's the only way we're going to
- 9 get jurisdiction over him to pursue this.
- 10 MR. PERKINSON: I understand.
- 11 JUDGE TOREM: So go ahead and mark those as
- 12 exhibits, and we can put them in the records management
- 13 service system so that they're all existing.
- 14 But I'm not going to enter a form order today
- 15 holding him in default and finding him -- he very well may
- 16 be a mover just like everybody else that came down today,
- 17 but without his ability to answer I just feel that I can't,
- 18 without violating his due process rights, enter this order.
- 19 You know where he is now. It would be easy
- 20 enough to serve him and have a different hearing, but
- 21 without the default being met.
- 22 If he had lived at the house and gotten
- 23 arrested the next week, we could press ahead and I would be
- 24 more comfortable with that. But with your testimony today
- 25 that the ex-wife said he was arrested prior to the service

- 1 and wasn't there anymore, I don't think he knows about this.
- There's no other proof, is there, that shows
- 3 that he has any idea this is going on today?
- 4 MR. PERKINSON: No, just information that
- 5 that was his address.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: So I'm thinking it would be
- 7 good cause to say, "You didn't serve me and I was in jail
- 8 and had no ability to make the arrangements that the
- 9 Commission did with the Idaho penitentiary."
- 10 So I'm not going to sign an order at this
- 11 point, but I'll be glad to take copies of that later.
- MR. PERKINSON: Okay.
- 13 JUDGE TOREM: And I will -- I'm just going to
- 14 make a note here that I'm going to issue an Order 02
- 15 essentially denying the motion for default and explaining
- 16 it. That way, back in your section when your supervisor
- 17 takes a look on this case, she'll understand what I was
- 18 doing.
- MR. PERKINSON: Sure, absolutely.
- JUDGE TOREM: Any other cases that we need to
- 21 address before we come back to Mr. Harris?
- 22 MR. PERKINSON: No. Do you want me to hand
- 23 up the exhibits now or just hold on to them?
- JUDGE TOREM: We'll take them up after we
- 25 handle Mr. Harris' case.

- 1 All right, Mr. Harris. Let's go back to your
- 2 Docket TV-130326. Your counteroffer to me as opposed to
- 3 paying \$500 on this in five installments is you wanted to
- 4 pay \$200 today?
- 5 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- 6 JUDGE TOREM: The more I thought about it,
- 7 it's too steep a discount. I appreciate that you're making
- 8 essentially two payments up front.
- 9 But I understand, and I want to give you the
- 10 benefit of the doubt. 20 years experience tells me
- 11 sometimes I'm wrong to do that.
- 12 But if I give you the benefit of the doubt,
- 13 what's going to happen? You'll pay the \$200 today and some
- 14 additional amount that I'm going to set later, but you're
- 15 still going to have this balance of the \$5,000 penalty
- 16 outstanding.
- 17 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: And if you come back here, you
- 19 can be pretty clear there's not going to be any further
- 20 extension of leniency.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- 22 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. As long as you get that,
- 23 because we're -- the court reporter is taking it down,
- 24 clearly the Commission will have a record of what's going on
- 25 today.

- If I give you a break, then I wholly expect
- 2 you not to break any more Commission rules going forward.
- 3 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- 4 JUDGE TOREM: Now you said that you want to
- 5 do, if your health allows, the pack and load, and you want
- 6 to pursue whatever work you can. I appreciate the
- 7 difference and the difficulty in this economy.
- 8 Do you understand what it will take to keep
- 9 you out of hot water with the Commission if you see yourself
- 10 moving and you take on only pack and load?
- 11 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir. With my disability
- 12 insurance, I won't be forced or, I feel, you know, forced to
- 13 do anything -- I want to be in compliance and I will be in
- 14 compliance.
- 15 And when my health gets a little better, I
- 16 will apply for the licensing and the particular documents to
- 17 be a full licensed mover. I've been moving off and on a
- 18 long time. And I won't go any further into it until I have
- 19 everything that is required of me to be a licensed mover.
- 20 JUDGE TOREM: You realize we do allow pack
- 21 and load. So if you feel that need to answer the phone and
- 22 say yes, you can, with limitations.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- 24 JUDGE TOREM: You cannot advertise. If you
- 25 say "moving" in your ad, it's going to draw attention.

- 1 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE TOREM: If you say "labor only," that's
- 3 going to keep you in the clear; is that correct, Mr.
- 4 Perkinson?
- 5 MR. PERKINSON: Yes.
- 6 MR. HARRIS: Well, you know, hence Big Earl's
- 7 Moving and Hauling, basically I just wanted to do hauling
- 8 like to the dump and stuff like that.
- 9 JUDGE TOREM: Be careful. That's a whole
- 10 different line of work that we regulate.
- MR. HARRIS: All right.
- 12 JUDGE TOREM: I understand. A lot of it is
- 13 ignorance, but we don't cut you any slack for that being an
- 14 excuse. A lot of good intentions pave the road to a bad
- 15 place. I don't want you to get there unintentionally,
- 16 especially with this hanging over you.
- MR. HARRIS: Okay.
- 18 JUDGE TOREM: If you want to be in
- 19 compliance, we're going to demand that you be in compliance.
- 20 And we regulate solid waste movers. If you haul garbage for
- 21 compensation over the roads in Washington, you have to have
- 22 a permit for that. Those guys with the big trucks, they do
- 23 some things like that.
- 24 If you do construction debris, some cleanup,
- 25 there are some small areas where it's allowed. But even

- 1 that's up for debate amongst folks with better suits than
- 2 me, and well-heeled lawyers argue about how they have
- 3 territory.
- 4 So I don't want to see you back in on a
- 5 complaint that you're cutting into their businesses.
- 6 There's a lot of tempting things out there.
- 7 But I want you to realize that if it moves something on the
- 8 roads here, it's either the Utilities and Transportation
- 9 Commission that can tell you before you start up if we
- 10 regulate it and what the requirements are, or the Department
- 11 of Transportation also has its own issues.
- The gentlemen in the back stop trucks
- 13 routinely that don't have U.S. Department of Transportation
- 14 numbers or WSDOT numbers. You see them at the weigh
- 15 stations or in some other fancy pickup trucks doing
- 16 commercial enforcement. They're out there looking for guys
- 17 like you who don't have a permit that go into that business.
- 18 So I don't want to you think --
- MR. HARRIS: Understood.
- JUDGE TOREM: There's a lot of things where
- 21 the government is regulating, and maybe we think that is
- 22 overregulation, but it is what it is. And I'm just here to
- 23 keep you on the straight and narrow.
- 24 And I'm going to give you the benefit of the
- 25 doubt. I'm going to knock \$200 off this fine.

- 1 So I'm going to pencil the numbers in here
- 2 unless, Mr. Perkinson, you can quickly gin up something that
- 3 says \$4700 with \$300 payable, \$200 payable today.
- And when do you want to pay the last 100?
- 5 Do you want to pay August 1?
- 6 MR. HARRIS: If I raid my girlfriend's change
- 7 purse, I can pay the whole 300 now.
- 8 JUDGE TOREM: I'm not going to put her on the
- 9 line today. You and I are making a deal. She's not in the
- 10 room.
- 11 \$200 will be due and payable today, and the
- 12 remaining \$100 by September 1.
- 13 So I'm going to ask Mr. Perkinson to put that
- 14 order together, and then I'm going to have you sign the
- 15 signature page.
- 16 So it's going to be \$4700 with suspended,
- 17 \$300 payable. The payment due dates are today for \$200 cash
- 18 and \$100 on September 1. Does that cut you enough of a
- 19 break?
- MR. HARRIS: That's more than great. I'm
- 21 more than grateful.
- JUDGE TOREM: I've got you on record as
- 23 saying that, so don't let me down.
- 24 MR. HARRIS: I don't want to let myself down.
- 25 \$5,000 is \$5,000.

- 1 JUDGE TOREM: It is. So it's five minutes
- 2 after 12:00. We're going to take another brief recess. So
- 3 stay in place here. They'll gin up another copy of the
- 4 order and change the numbers around, and I'll sign that and
- 5 you'll be on your way, okay?
- We'll be at recess.
- 7 (Recess from 12:04 12:09 p.m.)
- 8 JUDGE TOREM: Back on the record. It's ten
- 9 after 12:00. I've been handed up the Revised Order 2 in
- 10 your case, Mr. Harris. So it now says the \$4700 portion of
- 11 the penalty is suspended. The remainder is \$300.
- 12 So I want to make sure somewhere else in here
- 13 it doesn't say you have to pay more so it will be clear for
- 14 everybody.
- 15 Okay. So it's got it in both sections that
- 16 are necessary. The payment schedule now shows today, April
- 17 24, as the due date for \$200, and September 1 the payment
- 18 remaining for \$100.
- MR. HARRIS: Yes.
- JUDGE TOREM: So make sure you have a good
- 21 idea on your calendar to keep track. If you can pay it
- 22 earlier, it will just be done. And the only remaining thing
- 23 for you to do is stay out of the moving business for the
- 24 whole two years. We're good, right?
- MR. HARRIS: We're good.

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1	JUDGE TOREM: All right. Thank you very
2	much. I've signed the order and handed it back. You'll get
3	a copy of it when you walk out. Good luck to you, and I
4	don't want to see you back again.
5	MR. HARRIS: Thank you.
6	JUDGE TOREM: Thanks. We're adjourned.
7	(Whereupon, the proceedings were
8	concluded at 12:10 p.m.)
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