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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 ) Proper Carrier Classification of, ) |
| 5    | and Complaint for Penalties ) against: )                               |
| 6    | JOHNSON, JEFFREY, d/b/a ) DOCKET TV-130327                             |
| 7    | JEFF'S EXPRESS MOVERS )  |
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| 10   | MOVERS COURT HEARING VOLUME I  |
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| 1  | OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON APRIL 24, 2013                           |
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| 4  | PROCEEDINGS  |
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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          |
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| 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.
- 4 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                     |  |  |  |
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| 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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