

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

THE MOVING CLIQUE, LLC

DOCKET TV-190832

DECLARATION OF  
BRIAN BRAUN

Brian Braun, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a compliance investigator in the Consumer Protection Section. As a compliance investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
2. On May 21, 2019, I found advertisements on Thumbtack for The Moving Clique, LLC (Moving Clique or Company). The advertisement offered to provide household goods moving services within the state of Washington.<sup>1</sup>
3. On May 21, 2019, I searched Commission records and verified that Moving Clique is not a permitted household goods carrier.
4. On May 21, 2019, I searched the Washington State Department of Revenue's website for Moving Clique. The results produced a contact name/governing individual of Marcus Smith with an address of 8823 Holly Dr. Apt. M205, Everett, WA 98208.<sup>2</sup>
5. On May 21, 2019, I searched the Washington State Secretary of State's website for Moving Clique. The results confirm a contact name/governing individual of Marcus Smith with an address of 8823 Holly Dr. Apt. M205, Everett, WA 98208.<sup>3</sup>
6. On May 21, 2019, I searched the internet and found a website, [www.movingclique.net](http://www.movingclique.net). The website contained a contact phone number of 425-591-3861, and a contact email address of [mc@movingclique.net](mailto:mc@movingclique.net).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for a copy of Thumbtack webpage, printed on May 21, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment B for a copy of Department of Revenue record, printed on May 21, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment C for a copy of Secretary of State record, printed on May 21, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See Attachment D, for a copy of [www.movingclique.net](http://www.movingclique.net), printed on May 21, 2019.

7. On May 21, 2019, I searched the internet and found a claimed Yelp business page for Moving Clique. The Yelp page contained a contact phone number of 206-519-0154, and a Company website address of www.movingclique.net. I found consumer reviews on the Company and each referenced household goods moving.<sup>5</sup>
8. On May 22, 2019, a compliance letter was sent to Marcus Smith notifying Moving Clique that it must cease and desist operations as a household goods carrier in Washington State until the Company obtains the required household goods carrier permit from the Commission.<sup>6</sup>
9. On September 20, 2019, I called (206) 519-0154 using an assumed name to obtain a quote for moving services between Seattle and Everett, Washington. A representative of the Company who identified himself as Marcus quoted a rate of \$95 per hour for two workers and a truck, or \$120 per hour for three workers and a truck. This was confirmed with an email.<sup>7</sup>

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, at Lacey, Washington.

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<sup>5</sup> See Attachment E, for a copy of Yelp page, printed on May 21, 2019.

<sup>6</sup> See Attachment F, for a copy of the compliance letter, dated May 22, 2019.

<sup>7</sup> See Attachment G, for a copy of confirmation email, dated September 20, 2019.