# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

SABRA TRANSPORTATION INC., D/B/A SABRA LIMO SERVICE; SABRA LIMO; SEATAC TOWNCAR INC.; SEATTLE TOWN CAR INC.; ET AL DOCKET TE-220391

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# I. INTRODUCTION

The regulatory staff (Staff) of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) and Sabra Transportation Inc., d/b/a Sabra Limo Service; Sabra Limo; SeaTac Towncar Inc.; Seattle Town Car Inc.; et al, (Sabra Limo or Company), through their authorized representatives, enter into the following settlement agreement (Settlement) to resolve the issues raised in Docket TE-220391.

This Settlement is a "full multiparty settlement" as that term is defined in WAC 480-07-730(3)(a) because it resolves all issues raised in this docket among Staff and Sabra Limo (the Parties). It is subject to review and disposition by the Commission to determine whether it complies with the applicable legal requirements and whether approval of the Settlement is consistent with the public interest.<sup>1</sup>

## II. BACKGROUND

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On July 26, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Instituting Special Proceeding; Complaint Seeking to Impose Penalties; and Notice of Virtual Hearing (Complaint), pursuant to RCW 81.04.510, initiating this docket on its own motion. The Complaint alleges that Sabra Limo violated RCW 81.70.220 on at least two occasions by (1) offering and (2) advertising to provide charter party or excursion carrier service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WAC 480-07-740, -750.

Specifically, on May 25, 2022, Staff discovered advertisements on

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www.sabralimoservice.com that offered to provide charter party or excursion carrier service within the state of Washington. On May 25 and May 28, 2022, Staff obtained a quote from the Company for charter party or excursion carrier service from Tacoma, Washington, to Seattle, Washington, and back.

### III. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The Parties have reached an agreement on the issues raised in Docket TE-220391 and present this Settlement for the Commission's consideration and approval. The Parties therefore adopt the following Settlement, which they enter into voluntarily, to resolve the matters in dispute between them and to expedite the orderly disposition of this proceeding:

- <u>Admission</u> Sabra Limo admits that it violated RCW 81.70.220 on two occasions by (1) offering and (2) advertising to provide charter party or excursion carrier service.
- <u>Classification</u> Sabra Limo admits that it operated as a charter party or excursion service carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- <u>Penalty</u> Sabra Limo will pay a penalty of \$250. This amount will be due and payable upon the Commission's approval of the Settlement.
- <u>Suspended Penalty</u> Sabra Limo will accept the imposition of a \$9,750 suspended penalty. The Commission shall waive the suspended penalty after a period of two years from the effective date of this agreement, provided that Sabra Limo does not operate as a charter party or excursion service carrier without authority from the Commission.
- The Parties agree that if the \$250 penalty is not paid by October 18, 2022, the entire amount of the penalty, including the suspended portion of \$9,750, will become due and payable on October 19, 2022.

#### **IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

<u>Public interest</u>: The Parties submit that this Settlement promotes the public interest, and that it is appropriate for the Commission's acceptance without conditions under WAC 480-07-750(2)(a).

6 <u>Effective date</u>: This Settlement is effective on the service date of a final Commission order approving this Settlement, or on the date that an initial order approving this Settlement becomes a final order pursuant to WAC 480-07-825(7), whichever occurs first.

Advocacy: The Parties agree to cooperate in submitting this Settlement promptly to the Commission for acceptance. The Parties agree to support adoption of this Settlement in proceedings before the Commission. No party to this Settlement or its agents, employees, consultants, or attorneys will engage in advocacy contrary to the Commission's adoption of this Settlement.

<u>Construction</u>: This Settlement shall not be construed against any party solely because that party was a drafter of the Settlement.

<u>Other proceedings</u>: This Settlement shall have no precedential or preclusive effect in other proceedings except in a proceeding to enforce its terms. In the event this Settlement does not become effective, this Settlement shall be null and void, with no binding effect on the Parties and with no precedential or preclusive effect on the Parties regarding the continued litigation in Docket TE-220391. In the event that the Commission rejects all or any portion of this Settlement, or accepts the Settlement with conditions not proposed in this Settlement, each party reserves the right to withdraw from this Settlement by written notice to the other party and the Commission. Written notice must be served within 10 business days of service of the order rejecting part or all of this Settlement or imposing conditions not

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proposed in this Settlement. In such event, no party will be bound or prejudiced by the terms of this Settlement, and the Parties agree to cooperate in developing a procedural schedule.

- 10 Settlement discussions: The Parties have entered into this Settlement to avoid further expense, inconvenience, uncertainty, and delay. As such, conduct, statements, and documents disclosed during negotiations of this Settlement shall not be admissible as evidence in this or any other proceeding, except in any proceeding to enforce the terms of this Settlement or any Commission order fully adopting those terms.
- 11 Final agreement: The Parties have negotiated this Settlement as an integrated document to be effective upon execution. This Settlement supersedes all prior oral and written agreements on issues addressed herein.
- 12 <u>Counterparts</u>: The Parties may execute this Settlement in counterparts and as executed shall constitute one agreement. A signed signature page sent by facsimile or email is as effective as an original document.
- 13 <u>Authorized representatives</u>: Each person signing this Settlement warrants that they have authority to bind the party that they represent.

DATED this 4th day of October 2022.

SABRA TRANSPORTATION INC.,WASHINGTON UTILITIES ANDD/B/A SABRA LIMO SERVICE; SABRATRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONLIMO; SEATAC TOWNCAR INC.;SEATTLE TOWN CAR INC.; ET AL

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