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Page 1 Page 3 1 JUDGE PEARSON: Good afternoon. My name is Rayne BEFORE THE WASHINGTON 2 Pearson. I'm an administrative law judge with the UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 3 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and I 4 use she/her pronouns. In the Matter of Determining the | 5 Today is Wednesday December 7th, 2022. The time Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for Penalties 6 is 1:35 p.m. This is docket TV-220466, and this is a Against: 7 classification proceeding based on a complaint issued **DOCKET TV-220466** 8 against James Moseley doing business as You Got It Movers 9 alleging that the company is operating and advertising as JAMES MOSELEY D/B/A YOU GOT IT 10 a household goods carrier without a permit from the MOVERS 1 11 commission. 12 So I'm just going to ask -- I see that staff is BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEDURE 13 present. I'm just going to ask if there is anyone present 14 that represents the company? [All parties appearing via Zoom] 15 Okay. Hearing nothing, let's go ahead and take an 16 appearance from staff. 17 Jaquandria Ewanika, you represent staff, correct? 18 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Yes, judge. 19 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. And did you have an 20 opportunity to speak with the company today? Did they 21 indicate whether they'd be coming or not? 22 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: I tried to reach out to the 23 company twice, and they did not respond. 24 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. All right. So what I want to DATE TAKEN: Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 1:30 p.m. 25 do now is take a ten-minute recess. We'll give the REPORTED BY: Danielle Schemm, CCR 3395 Page 2 Page 4 APPEARANCES 1 company until 1:45, and, if they haven't made an 2 RAYNE PEARSON, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 2 appearance by that time, then I will entertain a motion Utilities and Transportation Commission 3 PO Box 47250 3 for default, and we can walk through the evidence that you Olympia, Washington 98504 4 have against the company, and I'll issue a default order. rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov 5 Let's go ahead and be in recess until 1:45. 360.664.1136 5 6 [Off record at 1:37 p.m.] JAQUANDRIA EWANIKA 7 [On record at 1:45 p.m.] Compliance Investigator 6 P.O. Box 47250 8 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. Is there anyone who has 7 Lacey, Washington 98503 9 joined the call that represents the company? Okay. 360.664.1320 10 8 jaquandria.ewanika@utc.wa.gov Hearing nothing, Investigator Ewanika, why don't I go 9 11 ahead and swear you in, and then we can go ahead, and I ALSO APPEARING: CORTNEY WAGNER 10 BRIDGIT FEESER 12 will entertain a motion for default. 11 KEITH QUINATA 13 So if you would just raise your right hand; do you GREG HAMMOND 14 swear or affirm that the testimony you give today will be 12 STACEY BREWSTER PAYTON SWINFORD 15 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? 13 ANNA GILL 16 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Yes. PAIGE DOYLE 14 "SPRABAKA215" 17 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. So the company has failed "JNYANWAP215" 18 to appear. I did have a chance to review staff's 15 16 19 evidence. I saw that there was an offer to provide 17 20 household goods moving service in Washington, as well as 18 21 advertising that meets the definition in RCW 81.80.075 19 20 22 subsection 4, engaging a business as a household goods 21 23 moving company without the permit required to conduct such 2.2 23 24 operations. 24 25 So would staff like to move for default at this 25

Page 5 Page 7 1 time? 1 spoke with James Moseley, the company owner, over the 2 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Yes. 2 phone and let him know that he must cease and desist JUDGE PEARSON: All right. And specifically what 3 3 operations until the permit was active. He stated he 4 penalty amount would staff recommend? Would it be the 4 understood, and staff followed up that phone call with a 5 full \$10.000 penalty? 5 letter to the company letting him know that he must cease 6 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Yes, we recommend that. Yes, 6 and desist operations as a household goods carrier without 7 we are recommending the full 10,000. 7 a permit. 8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So let's walk through the 8 And then I already told you about the offer of the 9 evidence that you have as well as when and how service was 9 move. So -- sorry. 10 accomplished. So if you want to first just describe for 10 JUDGE PEARSON: That's okay. INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: So in January of 2000 -- they me the offer that staff received. 11 11 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Sure. We -- I called the 12 12 received a permit in 2015, and January 2017 the commission company in May of 2022 and asked him to -- if he would 13 13 cancelled the company's permit due to insufficient proof provide me a quote for a move in Kirkland to another home 14 14 of insurance. The company continued to perform as a in Kirkland to which James said -- quoted me a rate of --15 15 household goods mover after their permit was cancelled. 16 James Moseley, I'm sorry, quoted me a rate of \$110 an hour 16 In October of 2017 he appeared at a classification 17 with a 16-foot truck. 17 hearing. The commission entered an order classifying the 18 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you. And then can you 18 respondent as a household goods carrier and ordered the 19 please describe the advertisement? 19 respondent to cease and desist and imposed and suspended INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Oh, sorry. The advertisement 2.0 20 penalties. 21 was on his website, and he offered to perform moves on 21 In April of 2018 the commission cancelled the 22 that website. 22 permit again due to insufficient proof of insurance. The 23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Great. And then can you please 23 company continued to perform as a household goods mover describe how service was accomplished? Was he personally 2.4 24 after their permit was cancelled. 25 25 served? On August 7th, 2018 he appeared before -- appeared Page 6 Page 8 1 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Let me look really quickly, if 1 at the classification hearing, and he was again ordered to 2 2 stop performing moves and cease and desist, and he was you don't mind. 3 JUDGE PEARSON: Not a problem. 3 imposed penalties -- there were imposed penalties and 4 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: He was -- the person that the 4 suspended penalties. 5 documents were given to was a Cyrus Scheppele who said 5 He was granted temporary authority again in 6 August 3rd, 2018. The company permit was cancelled on 6 that they were authorized to accept service on behalf of 7 James Moseley. 7 March 25th, 2021, and since then the company has continued 8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So it was company employee most 8 to operate as a household goods carrier without the 9 9 required permit. 10 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So this company has been 10 MADAM REPORTER: Can you spell his name, please? 11 permitted with the commission multiple times before and is 11 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: C-y-r-u-s last name 12 well aware of our regulations and the requirements for 12 S-c-h-e-p-p-e-l-e. 13 maintaining a permit it sounds like. Okay. Well, I will 13 MADAM REPORTER: Thank you. grant the motion for default and issue an order both 14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And do you know if the company 14 classifying the company as a household goods carrier and 15 15 has ever applied for a permit with the commission? 16 imposing the full \$10,000 penalty. 16 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: Yes, and I have a thing to kind Is there anything else that we need to address 17 17 of go through the history, if you'd like. 18 while we're here today? 18 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure. Yes, please. INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: No, judge. 19 INVESTIGATOR EWANIKA: The consumer first received a 19 20 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. Well, thank you, and we 20 consumer complaint for You Got It Movers, and during the 21 are adjourned. 21 investigation staff discovered the company's permit was 22 [Hearing concluded at 1:53 p.m.] 22 inactive. Staff confirmed the company's permit was 23 23 cancelled on March 25th, 2021. 24 24 On April 4th, 2022 staff discovered the company 25 25 was still maintaining a web page advertising moves. I

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