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7 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning. My name is

8 Rayne Pearson. I'm an administrative law judge for the

9 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and

10 I am the presiding officer for today's hearing being

11 conducted at the Commission's headquarters in Olympia.

12 Today is Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, and

13 the time is 9:00 a.m.

14 Today's hearing involves a total of five

15 household goods carriers, so the first thing that we

16 will do is take a roll call to determine who's present.

17 And as you can see, there's a court reporter here

18 creating a record of today's proceedings, so when I call

19 your name, please both raise your hand to identify

20 yourself and also give a verbal response like "here" or

21 "present."

22 The first is Docket TV-170168, Tiraogo

23 Simpore, d/b/a TS Moving Services.

24 MR. SIMPORE: Present.

25 JUDGE PEARSON: Did I pronounce your name

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1 correctly?

2 MR. SIMPORE: That's correct.

3 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Second is Docket

4 TV-170169, Eduardo Ponce, d/b/a America's Moving

5 Machine.

6 Okay. Hearing nothing, next is Docket

7 TV-170170, Eustacio Galeana, d/b/a White Mountain

8 Moving.

9 MR. GALEANA: Here.

10 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you. Did I

11 pronounce your name correctly?

12 MR. GALEANA: Yes, ma'am.

13 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And Docket TV-170197,

14 Joseph Schott, d/b/a Pain Management Moving.

15 Okay. Hearing nothing, Docket TV-170206,

16 Jacob Raich, d/b/a Super Friends Moving, LLC.

17 MR. RAICH: Present.

18 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And how do I

19 pronounce your last name?

20 MR. RAICH: It's Raich.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Raich?

22 MR. RAICH: Yeah.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

24 So there are two companies who've not

25 entered an appearance today. Those companies are

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1 subject to being held in default and having an order

2 entered against them without having a chance to address

3 the Commission, and I will take those cases up later

4 this morning.

5 So each of you are here because the

6 Commission filed a complaint alleging that your company

7 is performing or advertising to perform work as a

8 household goods carrier without the required permit

9 that's issued by the Commission.

10 So the purpose of today's proceeding is to

11 formally explain what your choices are and then hear

12 from each of you regarding which option you want to

13 pursue.

14 You can choose one of two options on behalf

15 of your company, either cease and desist providing,

16 offering, and advertising unpermitted household goods

17 services. So if you choose that option, you will need

18 to demonstrate what you've done to shut down your

19 business either completely or partially such as taking

20 down your website or changing your online

21 advertisements.

22 The second choice is to ask for a formal

23 classification hearing, and if you choose that option,

24 you're contesting the allegations in the complaint and

25 claim not to be conducting household goods moving

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1 services. And if you choose that option, we will

2 schedule a formal hearing for a date in the near future

3 with a deadline two to three weeks from now for both

4 your company and the Commission to declare witnesses and

5 file all exhibits.

6 So each of you has a right to be heard by

7 the Commission. I will call each of you up to do that

8 individually. Ms. Rachel Jones, who is seated over here

9 to my right, will be representing the Commission, and if

10 you've not already met her or spoke to her on the phone,

11 she is a Commission compliance investigator.

12 And now that we've gone over the options

13 that you have today, I will explain the rest of today's

14 procedures. So I will call you each up here in a few

15 minutes so you can make your choice on how to proceed,

16 and at that time, I will swear you in so that anything

17 that you say will be considered sworn testimony.

18 Once you're sworn in, I will ask if you

19 understand your options for today's hearing and then ask

20 you to state your choice. And if there's anything else

21 that you want to explain to me, you can do so at that

22 time.

23 In each of the complaints, Commission Staff

24 has alleged that you're providing household goods moving

25 services without a permit and is also seeking to have a

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1 penalty imposed. The law sets the maximum penalty for

2 each violation at $5,000 per violation, and Staff will

3 be making a penalty recommendation as part of any agreed

4 order. Ms. Jones will be explaining that

5 recommendation, but the Commission will make the final

6 decision about the amount of penalty to be imposed.

7 So I see someone else has just joined us in

8 the room. What's your name, sir?

9 MR. PONCE: Ed Ponce.

10 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

11 MR. PONCE: Eduardo Ponce.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So that is Docket

13 TV-170169 America's Moving Machine?

14 MR. PONCE: Correct.

15 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

16 Okay. So Ms. Jones will be explaining and

17 presenting any penalty recommendation, but the

18 Commission will make the final decision about the

19 appropriate penalty to be imposed.

20 So if you choose to testify about how you

21 are getting out of the household goods business, I will

22 allow you to make a statement explaining how you plan to

23 do that. And depending on what proof you can provide,

24 you should be able to reach an agreed order resolving

25 this matter with Commission Staff, and you can speak to

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1 Ms. Jones about that during the recess.

2 And if you choose to contest the allegations

3 in the complaint, like I said, we will schedule another

4 hearing, so if that's the choice that you're going to

5 make, it would be helpful to know your availability for

6 the next month or so when you come up here.

7 After I hear from each of you, we'll take a

8 break to give Staff time to meet with each of you and

9 prepare a final disposition for your cases.

10 And, Ms. Jones, I'll go ahead and swear you

11 in at this point. If you could please stand and raise

12 your right hand.

13 (Rachel Jones sworn.)

14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

15 So I'll begin with the companies who have

16 made an appearance today, and then after hearing from

17 each of those companies, I will address the companies

18 who have not appeared today, which I believe is just one

19 at this point.

20 And, Ms. Jones, when I call those

21 nonappearance cases, you can make a brief summary of the

22 status of each case and can set your motion for default.

23 Okay. So first was Docket TV-170168,

24 Tiraogo Simpore, d/b/a TS Moving Services. If you could

25 come forward. Oh, to the table, I'm sorry. And if you

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1 just press the button. Pull that microphone towards

2 you, press the button, and when the red lights comes on,

3 it should indicate that it's on. If you want to test

4 it, you can go ahead.

5 MR. SIMPORE: It's not on yet.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Just press it quickly.

7 MR. SIMPORE: Okay. It's on now.

8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Perfect.

9 So can you please state your first and last

10 name for the record and spell your last name?

11 MR. SIMPORE: Tiraogo Simpore. My last name

12 is S-i-m-p-o-r-e.

13 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And what's your

14 position with the company?

15 MR. SIMPORE: Owner.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And if you could

17 please stand and raise your right hand, I'll swear you

18 in.

19 (Tiraogo Simpore sworn.)

20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. If you could please

21 be seated.

22 And how do you want to proceed this morning?

23 MR. SIMPORE: My plan is to proceed to

24 continue to getting things straightened out and -- in

25 the business.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Have you submitted an

2 application for a household goods permit?

3 MR. SIMPORE: I did, and I had a -- yeah, I

4 did it. Not completely yet, but they send me back with

5 the -- with a form saying -- document that I have to

6 submit more.

7 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

8 MR. SIMPORE: But, yes, I'm working on that.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So you're working on

10 completing your application?

11 MR. SIMPORE: Yes.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Ms. Jones, have you

13 had a chance to verify that?

14 MS. JONES: Yes, I have.

15 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. But you do understand

16 that until you get a permit, you cannot advertise or

17 operate?

18 MR. SIMPORE: Actually, I did and I -- even

19 though I'm trying to stop, when I first got the letter,

20 notice that I, you know, stopped advertisements, some

21 that I have access to because most of my ads, I don't

22 have access. So once I had noticed it, I send an email

23 to -- and I have some of the copies in here, requesting

24 to remove my ad and they weren't, you know, letting me

25 remove it because I wasn't -- to whatever agreement and

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1 it was back and forth.

2 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

3 MR. SIMPORE: But most ads I don't have

4 control of it so -- yeah.

5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Well, you will have a

6 chance to show your documents to Ms. Jones during the

7 break.

8 MR. SIMPORE: Yes, Your Honor. I will.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And, Ms. Jones, do

10 you wish to make a recommendation regarding a cease and

11 desist order for this company?

12 MS. JONES: Just that he cease and desist

13 until he obtains a permit.

14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So when we take a

15 recess, like I said, you have the opportunity to speak

16 with Ms. Jones and show her what you've brought here

17 today and hopefully you can reach an agreed order. And

18 once you're satisfied that you understand all the terms

19 of the order, then you and Ms. Jones will both sign it

20 and it will most likely include an agreement about the

21 amount of penalty to be imposed. But if you can't come

22 to an agreement, you can make your case about why the

23 penalty should be different than what Staff recommends

24 when we come back from the break.

25 MR. SIMPORE: Okay.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Do you have any

2 questions?

3 MR. SIMPORE: No, thank you.

4 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

5 All right. Next is Docket TV-170170,

6 Eustacio Galeana, d/b/a White Mountain Moving.

7 MR. GALEANA: Same place?

8 JUDGE PEARSON: Yes, please.

9 MR. GALEANA: Okay.

10 JUDGE PEARSON: Good morning.

11 MR. GALEANA: Good mooring.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: If you could state your

13 first and last name for the record and spell your last

14 name.

15 MR. GALEANA: Sure. My name is Eustacio,

16 last name G-a-l-e-a-n-a.

17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And what's your

18 position with White Mountain Moving?

19 MR. GALEANA: Owner.

20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. If you could stand

21 and raise your right hand, I will swear you in.

22 (Eustacio Galeana sworn.)

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. You may be seated.

24 And how do you want to proceed this morning?

25 MR. GALEANA: Well, I closed the business

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1 last year, and for some reason I was receiving calls

2 that I -- what I telling to them like offering a

3 service, but I closed everything. I've been closed

4 since October. I sold my trucks, I close everything.

5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

6 MR. GALEANA: So -- but I don't know how

7 they got my number because I don't have anything -- any

8 advertisement or anything so I don't know.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Ms. Jones, have you

10 had a chance to verify?

11 MS. JONES: He still has advertisements and

12 he has a business website advertisement.

13 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So that's something

14 that you can discuss during the break, maybe a plan to

15 take that down or something that you and Ms. Jones can

16 talk about during the break and see if you can come to

17 an agreement about that.

18 MR. GALEANA: Sure.

19 JUDGE PEARSON: So, again, as I said to

20 Mr. Simpore, hopefully you can reach an agreed order

21 with Staff and you can both sign it. That will include

22 an agreed penalty amount if you're able to come to an

23 agreement, otherwise we can take that up when we

24 reconvene.

25 MR. GALEANA: Sure.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Do you have any

2 questions?

3 MR. GALEANA: No, ma'am.

4 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. You can go ahead and

5 take a seat.

6 MR. GALEANA: Okay.

7 JUDGE PEARSON: Docket TV-170206, Jacob

8 Raich, d/b/a Super Friends Moving, LLC.

9 Good morning. If you could please state

10 your first and last name and spell your last name for

11 the record.

12 MR. RAICH: First name is Jacob, last name

13 is Raich, R-a-i-c-h.

14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And how do you spell

15 your first name?

16 MR. RAICH: J-a-c-o-b.

17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And what's your

18 position with Super Friends Moving?

19 MR. RAICH: Owner and manager.

20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. If you could please

21 stand and raise your right hand, I'll swear you in.

22 (Jacob Raich sworn.)

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Go ahead and be seated.

24 And, Mr. Raich, I know that Super Friends

25 Moving has previously been permitted with the

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1 Commission, so what's your plan for coming into

2 compliance this morning?

3 MR. RAICH: I would like to contest because

4 I've been actively trying to seek reinstatement. We've

5 run into a bit of a hurdle where our agent has been

6 reaching out to the carrier to receive the proof of

7 insurance, and apparently somebody's been on maternity

8 leave and it's just been a slow process. So ever since

9 2016 since we lost our permanent status, we've just been

10 trying to get on with a carrier that -- you know, we

11 have been on with a few -- few different carriers and I

12 guess it just -- you know, that's the last piece of the

13 puzzle. We do have insurance, we just need to get the

14 proof of insurance in place so...

15 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So you're saying that

16 since you were cancelled for failure to maintain

17 insurance in December, you have not advertised or

18 conducted any moves?

19 MR. RAICH: I'm not saying that. I just --

20 I -- my plan is to, you know, by -- I'm fully aware that

21 we have conducted moves and we're liable for a penalty.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: But you don't want to

23 contest the allegations, then, because that's what that

24 would mean, is coming to a separate hearing where you

25 would have to prove or contest Staff's allegations that

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1 you have been offering and advertising, which you just

2 admitted to. So I don't think we want to have a

3 separate hearing.

4 MR. RAICH: Okay. I guess I don't -- I

5 don't know where we fit in between the two options. I

6 just know that we -- I would like to stay, you know, or

7 continue doing business, but I understand that we're at

8 fault for operating when we weren't supposed to in this

9 time that we've been trying to get our proof of

10 insurance in place.

11 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So I think it would

12 be like what Mr. -- what I discussed with Mr. Simpore is

13 that you would sign an order agreeing to cease and

14 desist until such time that you got a permit.

15 MR. RAICH: Yes.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: So it's not saying I will

17 never operate as a mover again, it's saying I understand

18 when I don't have a permit, I can't advertise or offer,

19 and I won't do that until I get a permit.

20 MR. RAICH: Yes.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. That sounds good.

22 So again, you will have an opportunity to

23 speak with Ms. Jones at the break and hopefully you'll

24 be able to come to an agreed order and agreed penalty

25 amount, and then we'll take that up when we come back

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1 from recess.

2 MR. RAICH: Okay. Thank you.

3 JUDGE PEARSON: Do you have any other

4 questions?

5 MR. RAICH: I do not. Thank you.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

7 And then finally Docket TV-170169, Eduardo

8 Ponce, d/b/a America's Moving Machine.

9 Good morning.

10 MR. PONCE: Good morning.

11 JUDGE PEARSON: So if you could just state

12 your full name for the record and spell your last name

13 for the court reporter.

14 MR. PONCE: Absolutely. My first name is

15 Eduardo, last name is Ponce. I spell my last name

16 P-o-n-c-e.

17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

18 And what is your position with America's

19 Moving Machine?

20 MR. PONCE: I was a co-owner, founder,

21 operator of the company.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So if you could stand

23 and raise your right hand, I will swear you in.

24 (Eduardo Ponce sworn.)

25 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

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1 So how do you want to proceed this morning?

2 MR. PONCE: I think I would like to come out

3 to dismiss of the company. If I can explain real quick

4 what's been going on?

5 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.

6 MR. PONCE: Back in 2012, open a new

7 business, different industry. I went from moving to

8 a -- to a wheel and tires business and it was hard, you

9 know, for two companies. I mean, it's like having two

10 wives. It's almost impossible especially with employees

11 and stuff. I tried to keep it going, but I couldn't. I

12 read the -- my paperwork that came to me to bring to

13 court today.

14 I'm aware we still have a website. We paid

15 quite a bit of money for it, but, I mean, I can prove

16 the record system more than probably three and a half

17 years that I haven't paid anybody to advertise. In

18 fact, I wouldn't even call it a company. I got pictures

19 that -- I still have trucks. Those trucks are mainly

20 storage for all my tires and wheels.

21 It is hard to operate with, like I said,

22 without the -- without good guys. So I mean, it takes

23 an owner to operate a successful business.

24 Unfortunately I got my hands tied up at the other

25 business I do have. So at this moment, I would like to

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1 try to contest and either dismiss the business

2 completely because, in fact, I mean, there's no money in

3 the company. I think the account is even negative.

4 Until I get to the point where I can restart

5 my moving business again, I would probably apply again

6 to get my permits and everything, but as of right now, I

7 mean, I wouldn't even call it a company. I wouldn't

8 call it -- I mean, it's just -- I mean [inaudible] it

9 was would work here but -- and have the customers rent

10 the truck. It's mainly like a -- like an extra job that

11 I do on the side on Sundays. I mean, I work Monday

12 through Saturday basically 12 hours at the tire shop

13 so...

14 JUDGE PEARSON: So you are saying that you

15 want to agree to cease and desist? You said the word

16 "contest" but --

17 MR. PONCE: Well, yeah. Well, contest from

18 my penalties. Like honestly, I mean, that's what I'd

19 like to contest.

20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

21 MR. PONCE: I'm not in a position to pay all

22 this because there's no money in the company number one.

23 I got a big overhead with the other business I do have

24 paying high rates and tax, and probably at the moment,

25 until I get my permit completely and I can't have a good

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1 structure of a business going on from Moving Machines, I

2 will start over again. But as is right now, I can't

3 even -- I can't even operate with this company, and I'm

4 aware of it, and I just want to come to a -- like

5 dismiss it if we have to and just start all over again

6 with a permit.

7 And as I heard before, I know we can't be

8 operating without a permit and I understand that, so I

9 want to move forward to do it legit, but I'm not ready

10 for it.

11 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So you'll have an

12 opportunity to take that up with Ms. Jones at the break

13 and discuss and negotiate the penalty amount.

14 MR. PONCE: Definitely.

15 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So do you have any

16 questions?

17 MR. PONCE: No.

18 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So, Ms. Jones, have

19 you --

20 You can go back and take a seat.

21 MR. PONCE: Thank you.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: Ms. Jones, have you had

23 contact with the company who failed to appear today,

24 Joseph Schott?

25 MS. JONES: I left a voice message on March

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1 30th with him.

2 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So at this point, we

3 will take a recess here at approximately 9:20, and as

4 soon as you have a chance to review the cease and desist

5 orders and the language with Staff, there will be some

6 negotiation about the penalty, as I mentioned. It may

7 be nominal depending on the history of your company or

8 there may be a reason that Staff asks for a larger

9 penalty, for example, if you've appeared here before or

10 previously held a permit with the Commission.

11 Typically a portion of the penalty is

12 suspended, which means that it would not become due and

13 payable unless you violated the orders. So that's meant

14 to deter future illegal operations. So a certain amount

15 would be held out for a couple of years and provided

16 that you no longer advertised or operated as a household

17 goods mover, it would go away after that two-year

18 period.

19 So when we call each of you back up, I'll

20 just make sure that you understand the order, and I will

21 sign it on the record here today and you will leave here

22 with a copy of it. That's our plan.

23 So, Ms. Jones, is there anything else before

24 we take a break?

25 MS. JONES: No.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Then at about 9:20,

2 we are at recess. And, Ms. Jones, I will be in my

3 office, so if you could just send someone to come get me

4 when I need to come back. Thank you.

5 We will be in recess.

6 (Recess from 9:21 a.m.

7 until 11:29 a.m.)

8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Let's be back on the

9 record at about 11:30. I understand that the cease and

10 desist orders have been presented and explained to each

11 company, Ms. Jones?

12 MS. JONES: Yes, they have.

13 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So I will call you

14 back up one at a time in the order that we went before.

15 First is TV-170168. Mr. Simpore, if you

16 could step forward.

17 MR. SIMPORE: All right.

18 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Did you have a chance

19 to go over the order and you understand all of its

20 contents?

21 MR. SIMPORE: Yes.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And just for the

23 record, Ms. Jones, it looks like you have recommended

24 two violations and suspension of $4,500 of the $5,000

25 penalty?

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1 MS. JONES: Yes.

2 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And just for the

3 record, Mr. Simpore, you're agreeing to shut down your

4 company until you obtain a permit from the Commission?

5 MR. SIMPORE: Yes.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And it looks like

7 you've agreed to pay $250 on April 28th, which is

8 Friday, and then the other $250 no later than May 31st?

9 MR. SIMPORE: Yes.

10 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And the suspension

11 period for the $4,500 is two years from today's date,

12 which is April 26th, 2019, which means that in the event

13 that you never obtain a permit or lose your permit at a

14 later date and you advertise or offer a move during that

15 time, the $4,500 penalty would become immediately due

16 and payable; and you understand that?

17 MR. SIMPORE: Yes.

18 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And similarly, if you

19 miss a payment, you could risk imposition of the $4,500

20 penalty as well.

21 Okay. And the order to cease and desist is

22 permanent, so that doesn't expire after the two years.

23 That goes on forever that you cannot operate without a

24 permit.

25 Okay. Then I will go ahead and sign this

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1 order provided that you don't have any other questions?

2 MR. SIMPORE: No, I can't think of any.

3 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Okay. So I will hand

4 this to you, Ms. Jones.

5 And then they will get you a copy to take

6 with you before you leave today. And once you get your

7 copy of the order, you're free to go.

8 MR. SIMPORE: Okay. Sounds good.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.

10 All right. So next is Docket TV-170170,

11 Eustacio Galeana.

12 And just same questions for you, you had a

13 chance to review the order and you understand its

14 contents?

15 MR. GALEANA: Yes.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And it looks like

17 just for the record, Ms. Jones, again, two violations

18 with a $5,000 penalty, a $4,000 portion of which will be

19 suspended; is that correct?

20 MS. JONES: That is correct.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And, again, I'm sure

22 you heard me explain the two-year suspension date and

23 the cease and desist? And it looks like you made a $200

24 payment today?

25 MR. GALEANA: Mm-hmm.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And then you will pay

2 400 on May 26th and 400 on June 26th?

3 MR. GALEANA: Correct.

4 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. Do you have any

5 other questions?

6 MR. GALEANA: No, ma'am.

7 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. I will go ahead and

8 sign this and we will get you a copy.

9 MR. GALEANA: Thank you.

10 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.

11 Next is TV-170206, Jacob Raich and Super

12 Friends Moving.

13 All right. And, Mr. Reich, you

14 understand --

15 MR. RAICH: Yes.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: -- the order that you've

17 signed today?

18 And, Ms. Jones, it looks like, again,

19 there's a finding of two violations and a $5,000

20 penalty, $2,500 of which will be suspended for two

21 years; is that correct?

22 MS. JONES: That is correct.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And let's see, it

24 looks like you paid the penalty in full so --

25 MR. RAICH: Yes.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: -- we don't need to address

2 that.

3 So I will sign this and you're good to go.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. RAICH: Thank you.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: And then finally TV-170169,

7 Eduardo Ponce. If you could come forward.

8 And you had an opportunity to read through

9 the order and you understand all of its contents?

10 MR. PONCE: Yes, I do.

11 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And, Ms. Jones, it

12 looks again here like there are two violations and a

13 $5,000 penalty, $4,000 of which will be suspended for

14 two years, correct?

15 MS. JONES: That is correct.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And with respect to

17 the payment plan, it looks like you made a $100 payment

18 today?

19 MR. PONCE: Correct.

20 JUDGE PEARSON: And then you will make $300

21 payments May 26th, June 26th, and July 26th?

22 MR. PONCE: Correct.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And you heard

24 everything I said about making sure those payments are

25 made on time and --

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1 MR. PONCE: I did.

2 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. All right. Then I

3 have signed this and once you get your copy, you'll be

4 free to go.

5 MR. PONCE: Thank you.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.

7 So that concludes the list of the companies

8 that were present in the hearing room today. There's no

9 one else in the hearing room who hasn't appeared, so we

10 can proceed with the motion for default for TV-170197,

11 Joseph Schott, d/b/a Pain Management Moving. I've had a

12 chance to review that docket, including the evidence

13 that Staff presented that there was an offer for an

14 intrastate move in Washington and advertising that meets

15 the definition under the statute.

16 So what is the Commission's motion at this

17 point with respect to Joseph Schott, d/b/a Pain

18 Management Moving?

19 MS. JONES: We would like the company to be

20 classified as a household goods carrier and we would

21 like for them to cease and desist.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And the penalty would

23 be the full?

24 MS. JONES: And we are seeking the full

25 5,000.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So nothing would be

2 suspended, correct?

3 MS. JONES: Correct.

4 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So let's go ahead and

5 walk through the evidence you have for this company with

6 respect to the violations, and then if you could also

7 address when and how service was accomplished.

8 MS. JONES: Okay. So a moving offer was

9 obtained by text on March 24th, 2017. Commission record

10 showed that they have never applied for a permit. They

11 were sent a compliance letter February 3rd, 2017. They

12 were served to be here on March 30th, 2017. I reached

13 out to them on March to see if they were going to be

14 attending. I left a voice message. I did not get a

15 call back.

16 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Was it Mr. Schott who

17 was personally served?

18 MS. JONES: His father.

19 JUDGE PEARSON: His father, okay.

20 But it was at his last known residence?

21 MS. JONES: Yes.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

23 MS. JONES: And currently I found them still

24 advertising on Craigslist. I'm kind of concerned

25 because they have now changed their name, same number,

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1 same name, but they're going under Northwest Strong

2 Moves -- Movers.

3 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

4 MS. JONES: And they currently have an

5 advertisement on Facebook.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So I will grant a

7 motion for default for Joseph Schott, d/b/a Pain

8 Management Moving, and I will also sign the order

9 imposing the penalties and finding the company in

10 default.

11 MS. JONES: All right. Thank you.

12 JUDGE PEARSON: Anything else?

13 MS. JONES: No.

14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Then we are

15 adjourned. Thank you very much.

16 (Adjourned at 11:38 a.m.)

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