

**Docket No. TG-190490 - Vol. I**

**In the Matter of: Paulino Jose Gonzalez and Veronica  
Luna D/B/A Universal Moving**

**August 21, 2019**



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BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Determining the ) DOCKET TG-190490  
Proper Classification of, and )  
Complaint for Penalties against: )  
)  
PAULINO JOSE GONZALEZ AND )  
VERONICA LUNA D/B/A )  
UNIVERSAL MOVING )

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HEARING, VOLUME I

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE LAURA CHARTOFF

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

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6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. We are on the record.

7 Good morning. Today is Wednesday, August 21st,  
8 2019, and the time is 9:08 a.m. My name is Laura  
9 Chartoff, I'm an administrative law judge with the  
10 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

11 This is Docket TG-190490, Paulino Jose Gonzalez  
12 and Veronica Luna, doing business as Universal Moving.

13 So, before we went on the record, I was advised  
14 by Staff that Mr. Gonzalez was unable to appear, that  
15 Veronica Luna is here, but she has difficulty  
16 understanding English and needs a translator.

17 Does Staff have a recommendation on this?

18 MS. MCPHERSON: In discussion with Mr. Gonzalez,  
19 he had stated that he had planned -- and I just spoke  
20 with Ms. Luna, and she concurred that they plan to  
21 contest the violations.

22 Considering the necessity of a translator and  
23 the intended request to contest the violations, I would  
24 recommend that it be postponed, and prepare for a  
25 translator and hearing at the next date.

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1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And I agree that it  
2 makes sense to postpone this because I'm not comfortable  
3 moving forward without a translator.

4 I'm wondering, does Ms. Luna -- would she be  
5 willing to -- can you -- is Ms. Luna present?

6 Can you come forward. I just want to ask you...

7 Oh, that. So if you understand, I just want to  
8 pick a hearing date, and I'll either -- I have some dates  
9 available. Do --

10 MS. LUNA: Can I say something?

11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Mm-hmm.

12 MS. LUNA: My husband is about 15 minutes away  
13 from here. He said he is almost get here. Is that okay  
14 if we can wait or -- because he was trying to do it by  
15 himself. His English is not perfect, but he was trying  
16 to do it. I don't know if there is a possibility to wait  
17 another ten minutes maybe today.

18 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So you believe he is on his  
19 way --

20 MS. LUNA: Yeah.

21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- and he will be here in about  
22 ten minutes.

23 MS. LUNA: Mm-hmm.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Is it your understanding that  
25 he wants to contest the violations?

1 MS. LUNA: Yeah, because he is the one that do  
2 the job. He is using -- my name is in the business  
3 license, just because I have some of the things, but I  
4 don't really know what he is doing because I am not  
5 participating doing the labor. So he is the one that can  
6 tell what he was really doing. And he also advertise his  
7 business.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Is Staff okay with  
9 recess for ten minutes to see if he appears?

10 MS. MCPHERSON: Ten minutes. I mean, I'm fine  
11 to recess at any time, barring the schedule of the  
12 hearing room, and I think we are clear for the day.

13 But I thought you -- did you say 50 minutes?

14 MS. LUNA: In about ten, 15 minutes.

15 MS. MCPHERSON: Ten, 15 minutes. Okay. I  
16 misunderstood.

17 I am fine with that. I do have hesitation,  
18 considering the nature of what's going to be discussed,  
19 that if we also need an interpreter anyway to postpone.

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Yeah, okay.

21 Since Mr. Gonzalez is planning on contesting the  
22 violations anyway, what we do in that case is we set  
23 another hearing where we actually get into the substance  
24 of the matter, whether you're -- you know, the company is  
25 operating as a solid waste collection company. So I'm

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1 going to go ahead and set another hearing to discuss  
2 that. I don't know if he needs to be present for that.  
3 We can go ahead and just select a date where we're going  
4 to continue this proceeding, and at that time, we will  
5 have an interpreter and we can go ahead and you can  
6 present your case --

7 MS. LUNA: Okay.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- as to why the company is not  
9 subject to regulation of the Commission.

10 So I have a couple of dates picked out. It  
11 doesn't look like you have a datebook in front of you.  
12 I'm looking at October 1st -- basically, sometime in the  
13 first week of October.

14 Do you know -- judging from the look on your  
15 face, I'm guessing you don't know your's and  
16 Mr. Gonzalez's availability?

17 MS. LUNA: Yeah, we still don't know, but we  
18 have plenty of time to get permission from work. Because  
19 I did it, but my husband couldn't make it today.

20 And all the dates that you have, is that in the  
21 morning or --

22 JUDGE CHARTOFF: I could do the morning or the  
23 afternoon.

24 MS. LUNA: Because we prefer afternoon.

25 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So I'm going to suggest,



1 is there -- would any day of the week be better than any  
2 other? Other, Monday --

3 MS. LUNA: I think we can do it any day, just if  
4 it is in the afternoon, it will be better.

5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So I'm looking at my  
6 calendar and fast-forwarding to October.

7 So I can do Monday -- oh, I should ask Staff  
8 too. I'm looking at Monday, October 7th, at 1:30?

9 MS. MCPHERSON: My calendar is clear. I have a  
10 clear calendar for that day.

11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

12 So I am going to schedule the hearing for  
13 Monday, October 7th, at 1:30. I will send you a notice.  
14 When you get the notice, if that hearing date does not  
15 work for you and Mr. Gonzalez, please let us know as soon  
16 as possible within a few days of receiving the notice,  
17 and we can reschedule to another date. Suggest another  
18 date within a week or two and it should -- we would be  
19 able to approve that.

20 Do we have -- Ms. McPherson, do we have an  
21 address for the company?

22 MS. MCPHERSON: Yes. The address is current.

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.

24 MS. MCPHERSON: For the record, they are still  
25 at 820 Fir Street Northeast, Olympia, in Thurston County.

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1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

2 Is there anything else we need to discuss today?

3 MS. MCPHERSON: No, Your Honor.

4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Ms. Luna, do you have any  
5 questions?

6 MS. LUNA: (No audible response).

7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

8 Okay. So we are adjourned. Thank you for  
9 coming today.

10 MS. MCPHERSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 (Adjourned at 9:18 a.m.)

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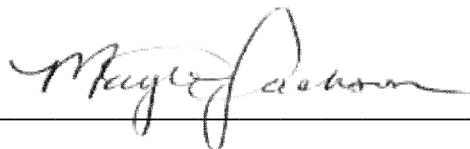
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