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June 13, 2014

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Lyle and Darcy Allen d/b/a Eastside & All City Movers*

Commission Staff’s Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties

 Docket TV-140342

Dear Mr. King:

On May 6, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission entered a Final Order classifying Lyle and Darcy Allen d/b/a Eastside & All City Movers (Mr. and Ms. Allen) as a household goods carrier and imposing and suspending penalties on condition of future compliance. Mr. and Ms. Allen were assessed a $5,000 penalty for violations of RCW 81.80.075(1), which prohibits household goods carriers from operating for compensation in Washington without first obtaining the required permit from the commission. Ms. Allen paid $167 of the penalty on May 6, 2014. A portion of the penalty, $4,500, was suspended for a period of two years on the condition that Mr. and Ms. Allen cease and desist operating as a household goods carrier, and comply with the payment plan for paying the remainder of the $500 penalty.

The Order specifies that Mr. and Ms. Allen cease and desist operating as a household goods carrier without a permit or the entire amount of the penalty, including the suspended portion of $4,500, would become due and payable. At this time, staff has evidence that Mr. and Ms. Allen continue to operate in violation of the Final Order.

On June 11, 2014, staff called “855-868-6687” and spoke to “Darcy.” Staff asked for an estimate for a move from a two-bedroom apartment in Everett to another two-bedroom apartment 10 minutes away. Darcy told staff they charge $100 for two men, a truck, and all the equipment needed for a move. She also told staff there was a two hour minimum on all moves.

Staff recommends that the entire penalty of $5,000, which includes the suspended portion of $4,500, be imposed in full for violating a commission Order by failing to comply with the Order and cease operating as a non-permitted household goods carrier.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director

Consumer Protection and Communications