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December 12, 2017

Eric M. Stewart and Susan K. Stewart  
Iron Man Movers and Storage, Inc.  
1495 Lahti Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98226

**RE: Violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-555 – Response due December 22, 2017**

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart:

On October 10, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) assessed a penalty of \$42,800 in Docket TV-171005 against Iron Man Movers and Storage, Inc. (Iron Man Movers) for 432 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15. On November 8, the commission granted partial mitigation of that penalty assessment to \$37,100. Iron Man Movers failed to pay the penalty by November 18, as required and failed to file jointly with staff a proposed payment arrangement.

[WAC 480-15-555\(3\)](#) states that no carrier may hire a person who has been convicted of any crime involving theft, burglary, assault, sexual misconduct, identity theft, fraud, false statements, or the manufacture, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance within the past five years (copy enclosed for your reference). As part of the routine safety investigation, commission staff discovered four violations of WAC 480-15-555 where Iron Man Movers failed to acquire a criminal background check on employees Leonard Kravchenko, Sagan Brownson, Jonathan Washow, and Michael Stump. As a follow-up on November 8, 2017, commission staff conducted background checks on these employees and learned that three of the employees have convictions that prohibit employment by a regulated household goods moving company.

Employment of Michael Stump and Jonathan Washchow is a violation of WAC 480-15-555(3) because of conviction history. Employment of Sagan Brownson prior to June 2017 is a violation of WAC 480-15-555(3) because his convictions took place within five years of that date. Iron Man Movers did not respond to any specific violations of WAC 480-15-555 in its mitigation request. Please respond in writing no later than December 22, 2017, explaining how Iron Man Movers has or will address these issues.

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If Iron Man Movers does not address these issues and continues to operate in violation of WAC 480-15-555(3), commission staff may recommend enforcement action including but not limited to revocation of the company's operating authority and/or assessment of additional administrative penalties.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [mperkins@utc.wa.gov](mailto:mperkins@utc.wa.gov) or (360) 664-1236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mat Perkinson".

Mat Perkinson  
Motor Carrier Safety Manager

Enclosure