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**In the Matter of: Joel Cisneros d/b/a Always Movin'
Moving Company**

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Classification of, and)
Complaint for Penalties)
Against:)
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JOEL CISNEROS)
d/b/a ALWAYS MOVIN' MOVING)
COMPANY)

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

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6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: We are on the record. Good
7 morning. My name is Laura Chartoff. I am an
8 administrative law judge with the Washington Utilities
9 and Transportation Commission.

10 Today is August 7th, 2018, and the time is
11 9:01 a.m.

12 There are two household goods carriers who
13 should be here today, so the first thing we'll do is see
14 who is here. There is a court reporter who is recording
15 everything we say, so when I call your name, please
16 raise your hand and also say "here" or "present."

17 Okay. The first is Docket TV-180518, James
18 Moseley, doing business as You Got it Movers.

19 MR. MOSELEY: Here.

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

21 And the second docket is TV-180520, Joel
22 Cisneros, doing business as Always Moving.

23 MR. CISNEROS: Here.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

25 Okay. So you are here because the

1 Commission has information that your company is or was
2 operating or advertising as a household goods carrier
3 without a permit. If your business has obtained a
4 permit since, in the past month or two, this proceeding
5 concerns the period of time you operated without a
6 permit.

7 So I will explain your choices and then ask
8 you to state your choice. You can choose to cease and
9 desist providing, offering, or advertising unpermitted
10 household goods services. So if you have since got a
11 permit, this would not apply to periods when you have a
12 permit. If you choose this option, you will need to
13 show what you have done to shut down your business
14 either completely or partially, and I'm going to want to
15 see proof that you are no longer operating or
16 advertising. For example, you would need to prove that
17 you have taken down or changed your website or other
18 online advertisements for your business.

19 The other option is to ask for a
20 classification hearing to show why you don't need a
21 permit. If you choose a hearing, you are denying that
22 you offered or advertised moving services. For this
23 choice, we will schedule a hearing sometime in the next
24 two months with a deadline a week before the hearing for
25 both you and Commission Staff to list your witnesses and

1 file any exhibits. I -- I just tentatively -- I picked
2 a couple of dates that are available and that would be
3 we're looking at September 24th, 25th, or the beginning
4 of October.

5 Okay. I will call each of you up one at a
6 time in just a moment. So Mr. Brian Braun will be
7 speaking for the Commission Staff this morning. If you
8 have not already met Mr. Braun, he is seated at the
9 table to my right, and he is a Commission compliance
10 investigator.

11 So in a few minutes, I'll call each of you
12 up here to make your choice. At that time, I will swear
13 you in so anything you tell the Court will be under
14 oath, and once you are sworn in, I will ask you if you
15 understand your choices for today's hearing and then ask
16 you to state your choice. If there is anything else you
17 want to explain to me, you will have a chance to do so
18 at that time.

19 You were each served with a complaint that
20 alleges you are moving household goods without a permit,
21 and ask that the Commission penalize you for it. The
22 law sets the maximum penalty for each violation at
23 \$5,000, and Staff will recommend a penalty, and you will
24 have a chance to reach an agreement with Staff about the
25 penalty amount. Mr. Braun will explain the

1 recommendation, but the Commission will make the final
2 decision about the penalty amount.

3 If you choose to testify about how you're
4 getting out of the moving business, you can explain how
5 you plan to do that, and depending on what proof you can
6 provide, you should be able to reach an agreement with
7 Staff, and you can speak to Mr. Braun about that during
8 the break.

9 So finally, if you deny that you are
10 operating as a mover, we will schedule another hearing.
11 If we're going to set a hearing, it would help if you
12 know your schedule for the next month or two when we
13 review calendars.

14 So after I hear from each of you, we will
15 take a break so you can meet with Staff and talk about
16 your case.

17 So Staff -- okay. Mr. Braun, I will swear
18 you in now.

19 (Brian Braun sworn.)

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

21 Okay. So the first company I will call is
22 James Moseley, doing business as You Got it Movers.

23 Can you please come forward, take a seat at
24 the table there, and hit the button on your microphone.
25 And you might need to pull it towards you a little bit

1 until the light goes on and pull it towards you so --
2 yeah.

3 So please state your first and last name and
4 spell your last name for the court reporter.

5 MR. MOSELEY: James Moseley, and it's
6 M-o-s-e-l-e-y.

7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And what is your position
8 with the company?

9 MR. MOSELEY: I'm the owner and manager of
10 the company.

11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I need to swear you
12 in. Can you please rise and raise your right hand.

13 (James Moseley sworn.)

14 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

15 So is -- oh, Mr. Braun, is this the company
16 that got the permit or is that the other one?

17 MR. BRAUN: They both were, Your Honor.
18 Just happened Friday Mr. Moseley was issued his permit.

19 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.

20 Okay. So your options are a little
21 different because you have your permit, and I want to --
22 so your options would be to agree to cease and desist
23 operating without a permit. So since you have a permit,
24 you'd be agreeing that you would cease to the extent you
25 lost your permit or didn't maintain it. So your options

1 would be to enter into a cease and desist agreement --
2 what --

3 MR. BRAUN: Yes, Judge. The way we have it
4 written up, I believe, is to that -- maintain
5 compliance. That was the motion of this is that, you
6 know, during the time period that we observed, he did
7 not have a permit, since come into compliance, and if
8 you should fall out of compliance, you will cease and
9 desist, then immediately take down the advertising, stop
10 doing moves, and things like that.

11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, okay. So yeah,
12 you'd -- you'd be entering into agreement on that
13 agreement for penalties or you could deny that you are
14 operating without a permit during the period before you
15 got it.

16 MR. MOSELEY: Okay. What -- what are the
17 repercussions of the options?

18 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Are you -- are you
19 denying that you operated without a permit prior to
20 getting your permit last Friday?

21 MR. MOSELEY: I had the insurance, so I
22 just -- it was a -- I'm not denying it.

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.

24 MR. MOSELEY: I just -- it was an insurance
25 issue.

1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: You weren't able to obtain
2 insurance?

3 MR. MOSELEY: Not so much that. It was --
4 the insurance is really expensive. I had truck problems
5 one month and it lapsed one month, and the next month I
6 got it. And I managed to find a cheaper option for
7 insurance currently, so kind of helps out now.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So are you interested in
9 meeting with Staff and seeing if you can enter into an
10 agreed order with regard to the penalties?

11 MR. MOSELEY: Yeah. I mean, hopefully
12 you're not going to, you know, charge me a fortune. I
13 gotta pay my insurance, but I'll agree to whatever you
14 guys come up with reasonably.

15 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So when we take a
16 break, you can talk with Staff and see if you can assign
17 an agreed order. That order will say that you were
18 operating without a permit prior to Friday, that you
19 advertised without a permit, and that you agree to
20 stop -- oh, and that you agree to only operate with a
21 permit.

22 MR. MOSELEY: Understand.

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And if -- once you
24 feel comfortable and you understand the order, you and
25 Mr. Braun can sign it. It would include most likely an

1 agreement on the penalty amount, but if not, you can
2 explain to me why the penalty should be different than
3 what Staff is recommending.

4 MR. MOSELEY: Okay.

5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Does that --

6 MR. MOSELEY: That makes sense.

7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So if you
8 could please take a seat back, and during the break, you
9 will have a chance to talk to Mr. Braun.

10 MR. MOSELEY: Thank you.

11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

12 Okay. I call Joel Cisneros.

13 Okay. Please state your first and last name
14 and spell your last name for the court reporter.

15 MR. CISNEROS: Joel Cisneros,
16 C-i-s-n-e-r-o-s.

17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And what is your position
18 with the company?

19 MR. CISNEROS: Owner.

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I need to swear you
21 in. Please stand.

22 (Joel Cisneros sworn.)

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

24 So do you want to cease and desist or
25 request a hearing?

1 MR. CISNEROS: Um, actually...

2 MR. BRAUN: Your Honor, he's also maintained
3 a permit -- I'm sorry, achieved a permit in between
4 the -- from the discussion of the illegal to -- he's
5 never had a permit before, so it hasn't been cancelled.
6 It was a cease and desist letter. Before compliance in
7 getting a permit, I was able to find the advertisements
8 and schedule a move. And so we will be discussing more
9 for penalty this time. He has -- again, it's the same
10 situation of maintaining compliance, should you lose
11 your permit, you cease and desist all operations.

12 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

13 So are you interested in speaking to
14 Mr. Braun about an order?

15 MR. CISNEROS: Mm-hmm.

16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So when we
17 take a break, you will talk with Staff and see if you
18 can assign -- you can sign an agreed order, and that
19 order will say you agree you were operating without a
20 permit previously, that you advertised without a permit,
21 and that you agree to stop operating if you are unable
22 to maintain your permit.

23 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. You can return to
25 your seat.

1 and desist orders have been explained to each company,
2 so I will call you back up one at a time in the order we
3 went before.

4 So, Mr. James Moseley, please come forward.
5 So, Mr. Moseley, did you have a chance to read the whole
6 order?

7 MR. MOSELEY: I did.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you understand it?

9 MR. MOSELEY: I do.

10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And it looks like you and
11 Mr. Braun have both signed it. Looks like there were
12 two violations in this case; one for offering a move and
13 one for advertising, and a \$5,000 penalty will be
14 imposed. A \$4,750 portion of the penalty will be --
15 will be suspended, and the company will pay \$250 today;
16 is that correct?

17 MR. MOSELEY: Yes, Your Honor.

18 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. The \$4,750 is
19 suspended for two years from today's date. That means
20 that if Staff finds an advertisement or you offer a move
21 during this period and you do not have a permit and you
22 did not maintain your permit, you will have to pay the
23 \$4,750 penalty.

24 MR. MOSELEY: I understand.

25 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And the order to

1 cease and desist is permanent. It never expires. So if
2 Staff discovers you are operating without a permit, even
3 after these two years, Staff can go straight to superior
4 court and ask for much higher penalties. So it's
5 important that you follow the law.

6 MR. MOSELEY: I understand.

7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Are there any questions
8 about the order?

9 MR. MOSELEY: Nope.

10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So we'll sign it.
11 Okay. Staff will make a copy for you, and when you get
12 that copy, you'll be free to go.

13 MR. MOSELEY: Okay. Thank you.

14 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Mr. Cisneros? So
15 did you have a chance to read the whole order?

16 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you understand it?

18 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

19 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And -- okay. I see you and
20 Mr. Braun have both signed it. Looks like there are two
21 violations in this case; one for offering a move and one
22 for advertising, and a \$5,000 penalty will be imposed.
23 A \$4,750 portion of that will be suspended, and the
24 company will pay \$250 today?

25 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And the \$4,750 is
2 suspended for two years from today's date. And that
3 means that if Staff finds that -- if you do not maintain
4 your permit and finds an advertisement or an offer to
5 move during that time, you will have to pay that \$4,750
6 penalty; do you understand that?

7 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And also that the order to
9 cease and desist is permanent. It never expires. So if
10 Staff discovers you are operating without a permit, even
11 after those two years, Staff can go straight to superior
12 court and ask for much higher penalties. So it's very
13 important that you follow the law.

14 MR. CISNEROS: Okay.

15 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So do you have any
16 questions about the order?

17 MR. CISNEROS: I don't.

18 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I will sign it, and
19 Staff will make you a copy, and when you get a copy,
20 you're free go.

21 MR. CISNEROS: Okay. Thank you.

22 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. We are off the
23 record.

24 (Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.)

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