Docket No. TE-190079 - Vol. I

In the Matter of: Vicky Sandhu d/b/a Seattle Top Class Limo

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| BEFORE THE WASHINGTON | 1 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON; MARCH 12, 2019 |
| UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION | 2 9:00 A.M. |
| In the Matter of Determining)DOCKET NO. TE-190079 | 3000 |
| the Proper Carrier Classification) of, and Complaint for Penalties) | PROCEEDINGS |
| Against) | 5 |
|) | 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: We are on the record. Good |
| VICKY SANDHU) D/B/A SEATTLE TOP CLASS LIMO) | 7 morning. My name is Laura Chartoff. Can you hear me |
| | 8 okay? Okay. Thanks. I am an administrative law judge |
| TRANSPORTATION COURT, VOLUME I Pages 1-22 | 9 with the Washington Utilities and Transportation |
| ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE LAURA CHARTOFF | 10 Commission. |
| | 11 Today is March 12th, 2019, and the time is |
| March 12, 2019 | 12 approximately 9:00 a.m. |
| 9:00 A.M. | 13 There are three businesses who should be |
| Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission | 14 here today. So the first thing we'll do is see who's |
| 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest | 15 here. There is a court reporter who's recording |
| Olympia, Washington 98504 | 16 everything we say, so when I call your name, please |
| | 17 raise your hand and also say "here" or "present." |
| | 18 The first docket is TE-190053, A-Star |
| REPORTED BY: TAYLER GARLINGHOUSE, CCR 3358 | 19 Limousine? |
| Buell Realtime Reporting, LLC | 20 MS. PALM: Michelle Palm. |
| 1325 Fourth Avenue, Suite 1840 | 21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you. |
| Seattle, Washington 98101 | 22 Docket TE-190079, Vicky Sandhu? |
| (206) 287-9066 Seattle (360) 534-9066 Olympia | MR. SANDHU: Yes, I'm here. |
| (800) 846-6989 National | 24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Doing business as |
| www.buellrealtime.com | 25 Seattle Top Class Limousine. |
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| 1 APPEARANCES | 1 Okay. Docket TE-190086, Cascade Adventures? |
| 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: | 2 MR. ENGEL: Present. |
| 3 | 3 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Present, thank you. |
| LAURA CHARTOFF 4 Utilities and Transportation | 4 Okay. So you are here because the |
| Commission | 5 Commission has information that your company is |
| 5 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, Washington 98504 | 6 operating or advertising as a charter party or excursion |
| 6 (360) 664-1160 | 7 carrier without a permit. So operating without a permit |
| laura.chartoff@utc.wa.gov | 8 is illegal and subject to a penalty of up to \$5,000 per |
| 8 | 9 violation. If you are found to have engaged in business |
| FOR COMMISSION STAFF: | as a charter party or excursion carrier without a |
| JASON HOXIT | permit, the Commission can order you to stop operating |
| 10 Compliance Investigator Utilities and Transportation | 12 and impose the penalty. |
| 11 Commission | The Commission has initiated enforcement |
| 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW PO Box 47250 | 14 action against your business, and at this preliminary |
| Olympia, Washington 98504 | hearing, I'm going to ask you how you choose to proceed. |
| 13 (360) 664-1320 jhoxit@utc.wa.gov | So you have two options. So option A is to agree to |
| 14 | cease and desist operating as an unpermitted charter and |
| 15 FOR SEATTLE TOP CLASS LIMO: | 18 excursion carrier. If you choose this option, you must |
| 16 | agree to stop providing, offering, and advertising |
| VICKY SANDHU 17 Owner | 20 unpermitted charter or excursion services unless or |
| 18 * * * * * | 21 until you receive a permit from the Commission. |
| 19 20 | 22 If you choose this option, you will need to |
| 21 | 23 show what you have done to shut down your business |
| 22 23 | 24 either completely or partially so that you're no longer |
| | advertising, offering, or providing unpermitted charter |
| 24 25 | 25 advertising, offering, of providing unpermitted charter |

Docket No. TE-190079 - Vol. I - 3/12/2019 Page 5 Page 7 1 1 unpermitted business. The law sets the maximum penalty and excursion services in this state. 2 2 If you have obtained a permit in advance of for each violation at \$5,000. Staff will recommend a 3 3 this hearing, please let me know that when I call you penalty, and you will have the chance to reach an 4 4 up. In that case, we won't ask you to stop operating, agreement with Staff on the penalty amount. If you are 5 5 but we will want you to acknowledge that you were unable to agree, Staff will explain a recommendation, 6 operating without a permit and that you agree to stop 6 but the Commission will make the final decision on the 7 7 operating if your permit is cancelled for whatever penalty. 8 8 And if you choose option B, that is, you reason. 9 9 deny you're operating as a charter or excursion carrier, So option B is to ask for a classification 10 10 hearing, and you would choose option B if you believe we'll schedule another hearing. And in that case, it 11 that your business is not subject to regulation by the 11 would help if you have your schedule so we can choose a 12 Commission. In other words, you're denying that you're 12 date. 13 advertising, offering, or providing unpermitted 13 Okay. So, Staff, I'll start by swearing you 14 services -- charter and excursion services. 14 in. 15 So if you choose that option, we'll schedule 15 (Jason Hoxit sworn.) 16 an evidentiary hearing where you will be required to 16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So I'll start with 17 17 A-Star Limousine. Can you please come forward, take a present proof that your business is not within the 18 regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. That hearing 18 seat at the table, and make sure your microphone is 19 19 will be set out about two months from now with a turned on. 20 20 MS. PALM: Check, check. Let's see here. deadline a week before the hearing for both you and 21 Commission Staff to list your witnesses and file any 21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: You might not be able to 22 exhibits. 22 see the... 23 23 Jason Hoxit will be speaking for Commission MS. PALM: Check, check. 24 Staff this morning. If you have not already met him, he 24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Press the button on the 25 is seated at the table to my right, and he is a 25 front. Is it not coming on? Page 6 Page 8 1 1 MR. ENGEL: There, try that. Commission compliance investigator. 2 2 MS. PALM: Check, check. So -- okay. So now that I've gone over your 3 3 choices, I have a few more things to tell you about the JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 4 proceeding this morning. So in a few minutes, I'll call 4 Okay. Can you please state your first and 5 5 each of you up to the table to make your choice, and at last name, spelling your last name for the court 6 that time, I will swear you in so that anything you tell 6 reporter? 7 the Court will be under oath. 7 MS. PALM: Yes, I'm Michelle Palm. You said 8 8 Once you're sworn in, I will ask if you spell the last name? P-a-l-m, Palm. 9 9 understand your choices for today's hearing, and I'll JUDGE CHARTOFF: And can you please state 10 ask you to state your choice. If there's anything else 10 your business address? 11 you want to explain to me, you'll have a chance to do 11 MS. PALM: Yes, it's 816 West Francis in 12 12 that. Spokane, Washington 99205. 13 13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And what is your position If you choose option A, that is, to testify how you're getting out of the business, you can explain 14 14 with the company? 15 how you plan to do that. And depending on what proof 15 MS. PALM: I am the owner. 16 you can provide, you may be given an opportunity to meet 16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So I'm going to ask 17 with Staff during a break in the hearing to negotiate an 17 you to stand and raise your right hand so I can swear 18 agreed order. 18 you in. 19 If you have recently received a permit, 19 (Michelle Palm sworn.)

I'll briefly talk about that.

you'll also be given an opportunity to meet with Staff

to negotiate an agreed order to resolve this matter.

The agreed order will also deal with the penalty, and

You were each served with a complaint that

asked the Commission to penalize you for engaging in

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JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So did you

JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you know how you want to

understand the choices I explained earlier?

MS. PALM: I do. I -- I -- sorry. I

MS. PALM: Yes, I do.

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| 1 | believe option A, although, I yeah, option A. I I | 1 | Thank you. |
| 2 | | 2 | Okay. So the next docket is Vicky Sandhu, |
| 3 | guess I guess I need to speak with you later, because the the business that I was doing was solic or | 3 | doing business as Seattle Top Class Limo? Okay. Come |
| 4 | outsourcing, excuse me. I don't know, where do you | 4 | on up. You want to be sworn in? |
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| 6 | where do you want me to start? JUDGE CHARTOFF: Sure. So | 6 | (Vicky Sandhu sworn.) JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So please state your |
| 7 | | 7 | first and last name, spelling your last name for the |
| | MS. PALM: So essentially my my max | 8 | |
| 8 9 | capacity in my limousine service is 14 passengers. I | 9 | court reporter. |
| | began taking calls for a website that was advertising a | | MR. SANDHU: Vicky Sandhu, last name |
| 10 | wide variety of fleet options, so I was outsourcing. | 10 | S-a-n-d-h-u. |
| 11 | And so I have dissolved that portion of my business, so | 11 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: And what is your position |
| 12 | A. | | with the company? |
| 13 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, okay. So you were | 13 | MR. SANDHU: Owner. |
| 14 | advertising for for larger vehicles | 14 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And do you |
| 15 | MS. PALM: Well, it was actually another | 15 | understand the choices I explained earlier? |
| 16 | company that was advertising, but they forwarded their | 16 | MR. SANDHU: Yes, ma'am. |
| 17 | calls to me. So I was taking a network of of calls, | 17 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you know how you |
| 18 | and so I I'm no longer doing that. | 18 | want to proceed? |
| 19 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. | 19 | MR. SANDHU: Yeah. With number A or A |
| 20 | MS. PALM: I'm sticking with my my | 20 | option. Want to talk to him. |
| 21 | business and my and my fleet. | 21 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So and it sound |
| 22 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: So does Staff have a | 22 | I've reviewed the record on the on your case. It |
| 23 | recommendation or | 23 | looks like your your certificate was cancelled? |
| 24 | MR. HOXIT: No, Your Honor. If she wants to | 24 | MR. SANDHU: Yes, ma'am. |
| 25 | proceed with option A, we can discuss that during the | 25 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: But did you apply for |
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| 1 | \$10,000 penalty will be imposed, a 9,000 portion of the | 1 | MR. SANDHU: Yes. |
| 2 | penalty is suspended for a period of two years; is that | 2 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: And I see there's a payment |
| 3 | correct? | 3 | schedule. You'll make a payment of 300 today? |
| 4 | MS. PALM: Yes. | 4 | MR. SANDHU: Yes, ma'am. |
| 5 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And for the record, | 5 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: And then one, two, three, |
| 6 | you are agreeing to cease and desist operations as a | 6 | four, four more payments of \$300 |
| 7 | charter party or excursion service carrier? | 7 | MR. SANDHU: Yes. |
| 8 | MS. PALM: Correct, yes. | 8 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: in approximately the |
| 9 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: So and 9,000 is suspended | 9 | middle of the month? |
| 10 | for two years from today's date, and that means that if | 10 | MR. SANDHU: Yep. |
| 11 | Staff finds an advertisement or you offer charter party | 11 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you understand that if |
| 12 | or excursion carrier services during that time, you will | 12 | you miss a payment if you miss a payment, you'll have |
| 13 | have to pay the \$9,000 penalty; do you understand that? | 13 | to pay the entire amount |
| 14 | MS. PALM: Yes. | 14 | MR. SANDHU: Yes. |
| 15 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: And the order to cease and | 15 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: including the suspended |
| 16 | desist is permanent, it never expires. So if Staff | 16 | penalty? So if for some reason you are going to be late |
| 17 | discovers you are still operating even after the two | 17 | making a payment, please contact Staff and make |
| 18 | years, Staff can go straight to Superior Court and ask | 18 | arrangements so you don't end up having to pay the |
| 19 | for much higher penalties. So it's very important that | 19 | entire penalty. |
| 20 | you follow the law, okay? | 20 | MR. SANDHU: Okay. |
| 21 | MS. PALM: Absolutely. | 21 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do oh, okay. So you |
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| 23 | the payment, you're making a full payment today? | 23 | MR. SANDHU: Yeah, I do. |
| 24 | MS. PALM: That's correct. | 24 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So there is no cease |
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| 2 | there is a payment schedule. Your first payment is due | |
| 3 | April 12th, \$300, and then \$300 monthly until the 1,500 | |
| 4 | is paid. | |
| 5 | Okay. And did you hear what I said about | |
| 6 | the late payments? | |
| 7 | MR. ENGEL: Yeah. | |
| 8 | JUDGE CHARTOFF: Make sure to contact Staff | |
| 9 | if you think you're going to have trouble making a | |
| 10 | payment, because otherwise, you would have to pay the | |
| 11 | full amount. Okay. | |
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| 7 | Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby | |
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