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In re Application of: Accurate NW Moves LLC

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Accurate NW Move		5	the record.
)	6	Good morning. Today is Wednesday, March 29th,
)	7	2023, the time is just after 10 a.m.
)	8	This is Docket TV-230083, which is an
)	9	application for a household goods permit filed by
		10	Accurate NW Moves.
VIDEOCON	FERENCE PREHEARING CONFERENCE	11	My name is Rayne Pearson. I use she/her
-		12 13	pronouns, and I'm the administrative law judge presiding
Pag	es 1-17	13	over this proceeding. So let's take appearances for both parties.
			We'll start with commissioned staff.
Before Adminis	trative Law Judge Rayne Pearson	16	MR. ROBERSON: Good morning, Judge Pearson.
		17	My name is Jeff Roberson, R-o-b-e-r-s-o-n. I'm an
		18	assistant attorney general. I use he/him pronouns. I'm
		19	representing commissioned staff. With me at counsel
		20	table is staff's witness Patrick Remfrey.
		21	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And for the Company,
		22	can you state your first and last name, provide your
		23	address, telephone number, and an e-mail address.
DATE TAKEN: M	ARCH 29. 2023	24	MR. GIBBS: My name is Andrew Gibbs. My
	AURA L. OHMAN, RPR, CCR 3186	25	telephone number is (360) 516-9128. My address is 1848
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1	we can help the Company prepare for the hearing.	1	we're not really contesting any of the additional
2	MS. MILLICAN: Do you want me to go?	2	charges that weren't listed on the application. I mean,
3	Okay. Well, a couple of questions that we had	3	at this point, I think we probably need to seek some
4	was, well, mainly we are unclear whether or not we	4	legal counsel, which we've looked into, just haven't
5	should get some legal counsel. That was one of our	5	gotten anything confirmed, especially because the actual
6	questions.	6	hearing date came up so quickly. I was sick all last
7	We're not sure it was mentioned to us just	7	week, so I didn't really have any preparing to do.
8	recently about character witnesses, so we weren't really	8	But what other questions do we have?
9	sure that was the first time that we had heard that,	9	MR. GIBBS: That she told me was that was
10	so we hadn't prepared any character witnesses yet.	10	so helpful that was what you told me was so
11	What were the other questions? Just basically	11	helpful just now.
12	how I know that you can't give legal, you know,	12	MS. MILLICAN: Yeah.
13	advice to us, just if you could tell us, like, what the	13	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Good.
14	steps are we need to take just to prepare ourselves	14	MS. MILLICAN: Yeah, I guess I can't think
15	better for the actual hearing, like documents we need to	15	of anything else right now that yeah. Yeah, it
16	have ready or available, yeah.	16	sounds very familiar, so now I know exactly what
17	JUDGE PEARSON: Sure. What I can do is I	17	documents to get ready. I guess that's
18	can walk you through a couple of examples of similar	18	MR. GIBBS: Yeah, I think that's it. It was
19	cases that we've had at the Commission in the past	19	so helpful.
20	MS. MILLICAN: Okay.	20	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And just from the
21	JUDGE PEARSON: where we've had	21	standpoint of the way the Commission's rules work, it
22	applications that were issued a notice of intent to	22	looks like all of your convictions were more than five
23	deny, the Companies requested hearings, and then what	23	years ago, so we would be looking at the portion of the
24	they brought to those hearings, what kind of documents.	24	rule that talks about convictions older than five years
25	And so it really depends on the circumstances.	25	where the Commission has the discretion, and so you
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3	once you were able to find an attorney and give us a	3	motivated just to get this handled.
4	timeframe for the hearing, you might as well, because I	4	MR. GIBBS: Yes.
5	know that can be difficult to pick an exact date and	5	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.
6	then find a lawyer who's available on that exact date.	6	MR. GIBBS: I don't think I have anything
7	MS. MILLICAN: Yeah, yeah. I don't know how	7	else.
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9	long to get in touch for anyone we want to use for a	9	JUDGE PEARSON: So another procedural thing.
10	character witness.	10	I guess this is more for Mr. Roberson and then we can
11	MR. GIBBS: Yeah, as far as treatment and	11	discuss with the Company.
12	certificates and stuff.	12	I do think that when we convene the hearing,
13	MS. MILLICAN: Yeah, that shouldn't take us	13	that it can still be a brief adjudicative proceeding. I
14	very long. I guess it would just be getting on the	14	don't think we have the need for pretrial testimony or
15	phone and getting somebody, you know, retained for	15	anything of that nature. I think we can still proceed
16	counsel.	16	with live testimony.
17	How far does are you guys is it booked	17	Do you agree with that?
18	out, like, far in advance for the hearings?	18	MR. ROBERSON: Yes. Staff has no objection
19	JUDGE PEARSON: No.	19	with keeping it as that.
20	MS. MILLICAN: No? Okay.	20	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And just so you all
21	JUDGE PEARSON: Not necessarily.	21	know, in other forms of evidentiary hearings that the
22	MS. MILLICAN: Okay.	22	commission conducts, we have what's called pretrial
23	JUDGE PEARSON: It would just be based on	23	testimony where you write your testimony and submit it
24	all of our availability, Mr. Robertson's availability,	24	in advance, and I don't think that's necessary here. I
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3	MR. ROBERSON: judge Pearson, Staff has	3	what we talked about, I mean, it is memorialized for the
4	already submitted that.	4	record that you will respond by April 14th via e-mail,
5	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.	5	we'll work on scheduling a hearing, and then I'll issue
6	MR. ROBERSON: I would prefer not to submit	6	a notice.
7	it again, so	7	MS. MILLICAN: No, this has been perfect. I
8	JUDGE PEARSON: You don't have to submit it	8	appreciate the opportunity to do this before the hearing
9	again.	9	because we were really feeling a little bit lost and
10	And the Company has that, a company of that?	10	over our heads and trying to get prepared.
11	MR. ROBERSON: Yeah.	11	JUDGE PEARSON: Understandable.
12	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.	12	MS. MILLICAN: Thank you very much.
13	MR. ROBERSON: They were served.	13	JUDGE PEARSON: All right. Is there
14	JUDGE PEARSON: So that gives you an idea of	14	anything else?
15	what it should look like.	15	MR. ROBERSON: No.
16	MS. MILLICAN: Okay. One of the questions I	16	MR. GIBBS: No. This is so helpful.
17	also have is, you know, we've been in contact with	17	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Good. All right.
18	several UTC agents or officials, and I'm not sure if we	18	That's what we're here for.
19	have one specific that we need to be addressing if we	19	MR. GIBBS: Thank you.
20	have any questions or you know, whether Jody or	20	JUDGE PEARSON: We look forward to hearing
21	Patrick, Jaquandria (phonetic), I think who did the	21	you and
22	training stuff with us. I wasn't sure if there was one	22	MS. MILLICAN: Thank you for your time,
23	specific person.	23	everybody.
24	JUDGE PEARSON: It depends on the nature of	24	JUDGE PEARSON: Absolutely. And we'll see
25	your question.	25	you again at the hearing.
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