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# In the Matter of Tiger Express Shipping Corporation d/b/a Tiger Travel

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## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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TIGER EXPRESS SHIPPING CORPORATION D/B/A TIGER TRAVEL	)	

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Page 3 1 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON; APRIL 11, 2018 2 1:30 P.M. 3 --000--4 PROCEEDINGS 5 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So let's be on the record. 7 Good afternoon. My name is Laura Chartoff, and I am the 8 administrative law judge with the Washington Utilities 9 and Transportation Commission. I am the presiding officer for today's hearing being conducted at the 10 11 Commission's headquarters in Olympia. 12 Today is Wednesday, April 11th, 2018, and 13 the time is approximately 1:30 p.m. Today's hearing 14 involves a total of four charter party or excursion services carriers. So the first thing we will do is 15 16 take a roll call to determine which companies are 17 present. As you can see, there is a court reporter creating a record of today's proceedings. So when I 18 call your name, please raise your hand to identify 19 yourself and also give a verbal response to the roll 20 call like "here" or "present." 21 22 So the first docket is TE-180219, Tiger 23 Express Shipping Corporation, doing business as Tiger 24 Travel. 25 MS. NGUYEN: Present.

#### Page 4 1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 2 The next case is TE-180220, Carmen 3 Ceron-Garza, Garza Wine Tours. 4 MS. GARZA: Present. 5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 6 The next docket is TE-180210, Christene 7 Davis, Crescent Bar Charters. 8 MS. DAVIS: Present. 9 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. And the fourth docket is TE-170879, Michael 10 Brown, doing business as DLux Limos LLC. 11 12 MR. BROWN: Here, Your Honor. 13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So each of you are here 14 because the Commission filed a complaint alleging that each of your companies is performing or advertising to 15 16 perform work as a charter party or excursion services 17 carrier without the required permit. The purpose of today's proceeding is to formally explain what your 18 choices are and then hear from each of you regarding 19 which option you wish to pursue. 20 You can choose one of two options on behalf 21 22 of your company. So the first option is to cease and desist providing, offering, or advertising unpermitted 23 charter party or excursion services. If you choose this 24 25 option, you will need to demonstrate what you have done

- 1 to shut down your business either completely or
- 2 partially to avoid further enforcement action by the
- 3 Commission. The Commission is going to want to see
- 4 sufficient proof that you are no longer performing
- 5 unlawful services, for example, you will need to provide
- 6 proof that you have taken down or changed your website
- 7 or other online advertisements for your business.
- 8 The second option is to ask for a formal
- 9 classification hearing to show why you don't need a
- 10 permit. If you choose this option, you are contesting
- 11 the allegations in the complaint and claim not to be
- 12 conducting charter party or excursion services. For
- 13 this option, we will schedule a formal hearing for a
- 14 date in the near future with a deadline two to three
- 15 weeks from now for both your company and the Commission
- 16 Staff to declare all witnesses and file all exhibits.
- 17 Each of you has a right to be heard by the
- 18 Commission, and I will call you up to do that
- 19 individually. Commission Staff also has a right to be
- 20 heard, and the Commission compliance investigator will
- 21 be seated at the table to my right.
- Now that we've gone over the general options
- 23 for each of your companies, let me explain the rest of
- 24 today's procedures. In a few minutes, I'll call each of
- 25 your companies forward to make your choice on how to

- 1 proceed. At that time, I will swear you in so that
- 2 anything you tell the Court will be under oath and can
- 3 be considered as sworn testimony. Once you are sworn
- 4 in, I will ask if you understand your options for
- 5 today's hearing and then ask you to state your
- 6 preference. If there's anything else you want to
- 7 explain to me, you can do so at that time.
- 8 In each of the complaints, Commission Staff
- 9 has not only alleged that you are providing charter or
- 10 excursion services without a permit, they are also
- 11 seeking to have a penalty imposed. The law sets the
- 12 maximum penalty for each violation at \$5,000. Staff
- 13 will be making a penalty recommendation as part of any
- 14 agreed order. Staff will be explaining that
- 15 recommendation, but the Commission will be making the
- 16 final decision about the amount of penalty to be
- 17 imposed.
- 18 If you choose to testify about how you are
- 19 getting out of the charter and excursion carrier
- 20 business, I will allow you to make a statement
- 21 explaining how you plan to do that. Depending on what
- 22 proof you can provide, you should be able to reach an
- 23 agreed order resolving this matter with Commission
- 24 Staff, and you can speak to Staff about that during the
- 25 recess.

- 1 Finally, if you choose to contest the
- 2 allegations in the complaint, we will schedule another
- 3 hearing for the Commission to present the necessary
- 4 evidence to prove its case. If we're going to set a
- 5 hearing, it would help if you know your schedule for the
- 6 next month or so when we review calendars to choose a
- 7 date.
- 8 After I hear from each of your companies, we
- 9 will take a break to provide Commission Staff time to
- 10 meet with each of you and prepare a final disposition of
- 11 your case.
- 12 So I will start calling the companies now.
- 13 First company is Tiger Express Shipping Corporation,
- 14 d/b/a Tiger Travel and Zhongxiang Ye.
- 15 Oh, please sit right there and turn on the
- 16 microphone.
- 17 So let's start with Staff. Can you please
- 18 state your name and job title for the record?
- 19 MR. RAUB: My name is Justin Raub. I'm a
- 20 compliance investigator for consumer protection. My
- 21 name is Justin Raub. I'm a compliance -- or compliance
- 22 investigator for consumer protection.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Can you spell your last
- 24 name?
- MR. RAUB: R-a-u-b.

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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.
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                 And you?
                 MS. NGUYEN: Good afternoon, my name is
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     Trang Nguyen, N-g-u-y-e-n. I am making an appearance on
     behalf of Patrick Feldman, who is seeking a continuance
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     of the hearing for this afternoon if that's possible.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Can you repeat your first
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     name?
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                 MS. NGUYEN:
                              Yes, it's Trang, T-r-a-n-g.
                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And the firm you are with?
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                 MS. NGUYEN: I'm with Feldman & Lee.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And how do you want to
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     proceed this morning?
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                 MS. NGUYEN:
                              I don't know. I'm just here to
     seek a continuance. Honestly, this is my third week on
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     the job.
               I got a call yesterday saying can you cover a
               Just go in there and ask for a continuance.
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     hearing?
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Because your
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     firm was just retained?
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                 MS. NGUYEN:
                              I have no idea.
                                                I mean, I
     think I was told Patrick has a conflict and couldn't
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     attend the meeting today.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.
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                 MS. NGUYEN: So my only job is to come down
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     and get another date. I apologize.
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- 1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you -- I think you -- we
- 2 previously mentioned May 18th in the afternoon as a
- 3 possible...
- 4 MS. NGUYEN: I believe Mr. Feldman will be
- 5 out of the country from May 1st to May 18th, and they
- 6 are hopefully requesting for any date after May 28th.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I have several dates
- 8 in the first week of June.
- 9 MS. NGUYEN: Okay.
- 10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: June 1, June 4. Do you
- 11 have access to his calendar?
- 12 MS. NGUYEN: I -- let's just go with the
- 13 4th. I think that will give him enough time to get up
- 14 to speed again.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. 9:30 or 1:30?
- MS. NGUYEN: Let's do 1:30, please.
- 17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I think -- okay. I
- 18 agree to do a continuance to June 4th at 1:30, and I
- 19 will get a notice out to you probably tomorrow.
- 20 MS. NGUYEN: All right. Thank you. And I
- 21 have the notice of appearance. Did the Court need this?
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Sure.
- MS. NGUYEN: Okay.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.
- MS. NGUYEN: My apologies.

- 1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I'm going to call
- 2 next Carmen Ceron-Garza, Garza Wine Tours.
- 3 THE INTERPRETER: I am the interpreter for
- 4 Ms. Garza today, Your Honor, here with her husband.
- 5 MS. PAUL: We can get another chair. Are
- 6 all three of you coming up?
- 7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Let's be off the record for
- 8 a minute.
- 9 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: We'll be back on the
- 11 record.
- 12 Let's start with Staff. Please state your
- 13 name and title.
- MR. HOXIT: My name is Jason Hoxit. I'm a
- 15 compliance investigator with the safety and consumer
- 16 protection division. May last name is spelled
- $17 \quad \text{H-o-x-i-t}.$
- 18 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And can you please
- 19 state your first and last name?
- 20 MS. GARZA: Good afternoon. My name is
- 21 Carmen Ceron-Garza.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: And your relationship to
- 23 the company?
- MS. GARZA: The company is under my name,
- 25 was under my name.

Docket No. TE-180219 - Vol. I - 4/11/2018 Page 11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you understand 1 2 your -- the options I presented earlier? MS. GARZA: Yes. 3 4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you know which way 5 you want to proceed? MS. GARZA: 6 Yes. JUDGE CHARTOFF: And how would you like to 8 proceed? 9 We close the company, but I have MS. GARZA: 10 to explain that Garza Tours didn't have any vehicles, and they were using the vehicles for A Plus Taxi. 11 12 then now A Plus Taxi is in the process of getting the 13 license that we need. A Plus Taxi is my husband's company, and Garza Tours is under my name, but he was 14 15 the one who was managing the company. 16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: I forgot to swear you in. 17 So let me swear you in right now. Please stand. 18 (Carmen Ceron-Garza and Armando Garza 19 sworn.) 20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 21 I'm sorry, so you were saying that you 22 closed the company, that your husband has a company, A

MS. GARZA: Yes, that's correct, and I have

Plus Taxi, and that he's going to get a permit for his

business; is that right?

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#### Page 12 the documents that the lawyer prepared for you. 2 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you. Let me swear you in. 3 (Jason Hoxit sworn.) 4 5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 6 Have you had a chance to verify? Okay. MR. HOXIT: Yes, I verified that the Garza 8 Wine Tours, LLC has been closed with the Department of 9 Revenue, and Garza Wine Tours has been added to that d/b/a under A Plus Taxi, LLC, as well as the 10 Garzawinetours.net for the company has been modified to 11 12 not advertise for charter and excursion services. JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So we will 13 pursue a cease and desist order today? 14 15 MS. GARZA: I don't understand. 16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, okay. So your options today are to either do a cease and desist order with 17 Staff or to challenge but... 18 19 MS. GARZA: I'm not going to challenge. 20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So what I'd like you to do is to stay for the recess, stay in the 21 22 room for the recess until we recess and then meet with Staff, and you'll be able to -- oh, here, I will read my 23 script. That'll make it easier. So when we take a 24 25 recess, you will have the opportunity to speak with

- 1 Staff and see if you can agree on an order for entry.
- 2 And essentially that order will say that you agree you
- 3 were operating without a permit, that you advertised
- 4 without a permit, and that you agree to stop operating
- 5 until you get a permit should you decide to apply for
- 6 one.
- 7 So once you are satisfied and understand all
- 8 the terms of the order, you and Staff will both sign it.
- 9 It will also include most likely an agreement about the
- 10 amount of penalty that will be imposed. But if not, you
- 11 can make your case about why the penalty should be
- 12 different than what Staff is recommending.
- MS. GARZA: Okay. I'm going to sit here to
- 14 negotiate, then.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay, good. Okay. Thank
- 16 you. So for now, you can return to your seat and then
- 17 at -- when we recess, you can speak with Staff.
- 18 MS. GARZA: Thank you.
- 19 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I'm going to call
- 20 now Christene Davis, Crescent Bar Charters LLC.
- Okay. And please state your name and title
- 22 for the record.
- MS. PAUL: I'm Susie Paul. My last name is
- 24 P-a-u-l, and I'm a compliance investigator with consumer
- 25 protection.

#### Page 14 1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 2 And for the company? MS. DAVIS: I'm Christene Davis with 3 4 Crescent Bar Charters. 5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. 6 MR. DAVIS: She's listed as the owner, but I'm her husband, Troy Davis, and I pretty much do the 8 day-to-day work for the company. 9 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And I would like all 10 three of you to stand up. 11 (Christene Davis, Troy Davis, and Susie 12 Paul sworn.) 13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. 14 Okay. So do you understand what I talked about earlier, the options? 15 16 MS. DAVIS: Yes. 17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you have a preference on how you would like to proceed? 18 19 MR. DAVIS: Yes, we would like to suspend our -- and then we've already reapplied for a new 20 permit. So we've suspended our advertising already and 21 22 hopefully complied. I hope Susie's verified that. been communicating with her via email as much as 23 24 possible, so then we would like to reapply, which we've 25 already done.

- 1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And you want --
- 2 would you like to pursue the cease and desist order and
- 3 negotiate with Staff on the penalty?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Yes.
- 5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And did you hear the
- 6 paragraph I went through where I talked about the
- 7 recess?
- 8 MR. DAVIS: Yes, yes.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Would you like me to repeat
- 10 it?
- MR. DAVIS: No, you don't need to.
- 12 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Great. Okay. So yeah,
- 13 stick around, return to your seat, and wait for -- to
- 14 talk to Staff at the recess.
- MR. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.
- 17 Okay. The last is Michael Brown, doing
- 18 business as DLux Limos LLC.
- 19 Okay. So starting with Staff, please state
- 20 your name and job title, spelling your last name for the
- 21 record.
- 22 MR. TURCOTT: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
- 23 It's Michael Turcott, T-u-r-c-o-t-t, compliance
- 24 investigator in consumer protection.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

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                 And company?
                 MR. BROWN: DLux Limos.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And your first and last
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     name, spelling your last name?
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                 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. Michael Brown, DLux
     Limos, B-r-o-w-n.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And you're the owner?
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                 MR. BROWN:
                             Yes, ma'am.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So let me swear you
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     in, both of you.
                     (Michael Brown and Michael Turcott
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                      sworn.)
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.
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                 So did you hear the options --
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                 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- I said earlier?
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                 Do you understand?
                 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you have a preference on
     how you want to proceed?
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                 MR. BROWN: Cease and desist and speak with
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     Staff.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Do you need -- do
     you have any -- I assume you're -- you have no objection
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     to a cease and desist order?
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- 1 MR. TURCOTT: No, Your Honor. No
- 2 objections.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So did you hear --
- 4 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 5 JUDGE CHARTOFF: -- the directions?
- 6 Okay. Great. Do you have any questions?
- 7 MR. BROWN: No.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.
- 9 MR. BROWN: We're all set.
- 10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So please return to your
- 11 seat and wait to speak with Staff at the recess.
- MR. BROWN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: So at this point, we're
- 14 going to take a recess, and as soon as you have a chance
- 15 to review the cease and desist orders and language with
- 16 Staff, there will be some negotiation about the penalty.
- 17 It may be nominal depending on the history of your
- 18 company or there may be a reason that Staff asked for a
- 19 larger penalty; for example, if you have appeared here
- 20 before or have previously held a household goods per --
- 21 previously held an excursion or charter party carrier
- 22 permit with the Commission.
- 23 Typically, a portion of the penalty is
- 24 suspended, which is meant to deter you from future
- 25 illegal operations. So you may pay a portion today and

- 1 the remaining portion does not become payable unless you
- 2 violate the order. Then after the recess, we will call
- 3 each of you back up, make sure you understand the order,
- 4 and I will sign it on the record today, and then you
- 5 will leave with a copy of it.
- 6 So is there anything else before we take a
- 7 break? Okay. All right. We are at recess. Thank you.
- 8 (Recess taken from 1:56 p.m. to 3:08
- 9 p.m.)
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: We will be on the record.
- 11 I understand the cease and desist orders have been
- 12 explained and presented to each company, so I will call
- 13 you back up one at a time in the order we went in
- 14 before. So first I will call Carmen Ceron-Garza, Garza
- 15 Wine Tours. Please come back up.
- 16 Ms. Ceron-Garza, did you have a chance to
- 17 walk through the multipage order?
- 18 MS. GARZA: Yes, my husband is going to talk
- 19 to you regarding the agreement that we talk about with
- 20 the Staff.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Is your microphone on?
- MR. GARZA: I'm Armando Garza, Carmen's
- 23 husband. The agreement that we came up with is that my
- 24 wife has dissolved the company and in turn, I have
- 25 submitted a request to have Garza Wine Tours put on as a

- 1 trade name for A Plus Taxi, working as A Plus Taxi. And
- 2 I think we've complied with everything that we have to
- 3 as far as getting all the proper registrations and so
- 4 forth and blah, blah, blah, concerning the vehicle that
- 5 we want to use. And the only thing that I'm waiting on
- 6 right now would be proper insurance coverage. So
- 7 anyways, he's got the declarations for both my wife and
- 8 I.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.
- 10 MR. GARZA: And I think maybe he can explain
- 11 it better than I can.
- 12 MR. HOXIT: Your Honor, Staff would like to
- 13 enter in CCG-1 and AG-1 as exhibits. CCG-1 is a
- 14 declaration of Carmen Ceron-Garza and AG-1 is a
- 15 declaration of Armando Garza, Jr.
- 16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you. And
- 17 there's no objection?
- 18 MR. HOXIT: No objections, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE CHARTOFF: So I will admit these
- 20 exhibits marked as AG-1 and CCG-1.
- 21 (Exhibits AG-1 and CCG-1 admitted.)
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.
- 23 So I'm just going to talk about the
- 24 stipulated order to make sure you understand the order.
- 25 So for the record, it says that Garza Wine Tours admits

- 1 it conducted operations without the required certificate
- 2 and that it also advertised to operate as a charter
- 3 party or excursion service carrier without -- on at
- 4 least one occasion. And a \$5,000 penalty is being
- 5 imposed, 4,500 of the penalty is suspended for a period
- of two years and waived thereafter provided the business
- 7 refrains permanently from operations as a charter party
- 8 or excursion carrier in the state of Washington.
- 9 The remainder of the penalty is payable
- 10 according to the schedule in Appendix A, which shows
- 11 \$150 today and payments monthly thereafter, and that you
- 12 agree to cease and desist operations as a charter party
- 13 and excursion carrier.
- I just need to go over a couple more things.
- 15 The order to cease and desist is permanent, meaning it
- 16 does not expire. So even after the two-year period of
- 17 the suspended penalty, if Staff discovers you are still
- 18 operating, Staff can go straight to superior court and
- 19 seek enforcement of this order, which will include
- 20 significant additional penalties. So there is a strong
- 21 incentive for you to comply with the law. And with
- 22 regard to the payment schedule, if you miss a payment,
- 23 the entire amount, including the \$4,500, will become due
- 24 and payable immediately. So if for some reason you're
- 25 going to be late making a payment, you will need to

- 1 contact Staff and make arrangements. Failing to contact
- 2 Staff will ensure that the entire penalty is imposed.
- 3 Do you understand that?
- 4 MR. GARZA: Yes.
- 5 MS. GARZA: Yes.
- 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you understand legally
- 7 what you can and can't do?
- 8 MS. GARZA: Yes.
- 9 MR. GARZA: Yes, a little bit more than what
- 10 I did before, yes.
- 11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And remember that
- 12 Commission Staff is always available to assist you if
- 13 you have any questions. The Commission's goal is
- 14 compliance. Are there any additional questions?
- MR. HOXIT: Not from Staff.
- MR. GARZA: No.
- 17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Then I will sign the
- 18 order. Okay. And Staff will make a copy for you and
- 19 then you are free to go.
- MS. GARZA: Thank you so much.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.
- MR. GARZA: Thank you.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: So I will next call
- 24 Christene Davis, Crescent Bar Charters.
- Okay. So, Ms. Davis, did you have a chance

#### Page 22 to walk through the order? 2 MS. DAVIS: Yes. 3 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And did you understand all 4 the pages? I do. 5 MS. DAVIS: 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And I see you and 7 Staff have both signed the order. 8 MS. DAVIS: Mm-hmm. 9 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And it looks like you have admitted that you conducted operations in the state 10 11 after the cancellation or revocation of the required 12 certificate? 13 MS. DAVIS: Yes. 14 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And the company offered to provide charter party or excursion services on at least 15 16 one occasion and also advertised to operate as a charter 17 party or excursion service in the state of Washington. 18 MS. DAVIS: Yes. 19 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And -- let's see, 20 and Crescent Bar will immediately cease and desist operations as a charter party excursion service carrier? 21 22 MS. DAVIS: Yes. 23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And assessed a penalty of 24 \$1,500 is suspended for a period of two years. 25 MS. DAVIS: Yes.

- 1 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And the remainder of the
- 2 penalty is due and payable...
- MS. DAVIS: We paid it. We paid our due.
- 4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, okay. There's a -- the
- 5 order says according to the schedule in Appendix A. So
- 6 I'm going to just cross that out.
- 7 MS. PAUL: Okay. Yes, there was no payment
- 8 plan. They made the payment today.
- 9 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. And did you
- 10 hear -- I'll just repeat this quickly. The order to
- 11 cease and desist is permanent, meaning it does not
- 12 expire. So even after the two years of the suspended
- 13 penalty, when that has run, if Staff discovers you are
- 14 still operating, Staff can go straight to superior court
- 15 to seek enforcement of the order which will include
- 16 significant additional penalties.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: That's unless we obtain a new
- 18 permit, correct?
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Yes.
- MR. DAVIS: Thank you.
- 21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Yes. Oh, so you paid the
- 22 penalty in full. Oh, wait. Right. So you paid the
- 23 penalty in full so no payment plan. Okay. And do you
- 24 understand legally what you can and can't do?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes.

#### Page 24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. I will go ahead and 1 2 sign this. Okay. We will get you a copy and you're 3 free to go. 4 MS. DAVIS: Thank you. 5 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor. 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And Michael Brown? Yes, ma'am. MR. BROWN: 8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. So you had a chance 9 to walk through the order? 10 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. 11 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And do you understand all 12 five pages? 13 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. 14 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And I see that you 15 and Staff have signed it. 16 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. 17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And you have admitted that DLux Limos has conducted operations in the 18 19 state of Washington without the required certificate. 20 Yes, ma'am. MR. BROWN: JUDGE CHARTOFF: And offered to provide 21 22 charter party or excursion service carrier services on 23 at least one occasion and also advertised to operate charter party or excursion services on at least one 24

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occasion?

- 1 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And you have been
- 3 assessed a penalty of \$5,000. 3,500 of the penalty is
- 4 suspended?
- 5 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And the remainder of
- 7 the penalty --
- 8 MR. BROWN: Paid in full.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Oh, that has been paid in
- 10 full, okay.
- Is that correct?
- MR. TURCOTT: Yes, ma'am.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay.
- MR. TURCOTT: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Again, I'm just crossing
- 16 out subject of schedule on Appendix A. Since it's a
- 17 typo, I think it's -- we don't need to resign. And do
- 18 you understand the order to cease and desist is
- 19 permanent?
- 20 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. Until further
- 21 licenses are in place?
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Right, unless you have a
- 23 license in place.
- MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. And you understand

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     legally what you can and can't do?
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                 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Any additional
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     questions? Okay. I will sign it. We'll get you a copy
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     and you will be free to go.
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                 MR. BROWN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you. Okay. And we
     are adjourned.
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                      (Adjourned at 3:24 p.m.)
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Page 27 CERTIFICATE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF THURSTON I, Tayler Garlinghouse, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability. Jayler Garlinghouse Tayler Garlinghouse, CCR 3358