

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Investigation of

JUSTIN LARREAU
D/B/A NORTHWEST JUNK
HAULERS LLC,

For Compliance with RCW 81.77.040.

DOCKET TG-240599

ORDER 03

CANCELING PAYMENT
ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 08, 2024, the Commission entered Order 01, Order Instituting Special Proceeding; Complaint Seeking to Impose Penalties; and Notice of Mandatory Appearance at Hearing, pursuant to RCW 81.04.510, initiating this docket on its own motion. The Complaint alleges that Justin Larreau d/b/a Northwest Junk Haulers LLC (Northwest Junk or Company) violated Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 81.77.040 on at least six occasions by:
 - 1) offering on at least two occasions on or about January 9, 2024, and August 13, 2024 to transport solid waste within the state of Washington; and
 - 2) advertising for solid waste services within the state of Washington on at least four occasions on January 18, 2023, January 9, 2024, and August 13, 2024.
- 2 Northwest Junk had not obtained the necessary certificate required for such operations. On October 12, 2024, the Commission issued a Subpoena and Subpoena Duces Tecum For Production of Documents (Subpoenas) to the Company commanding Justin Larreau, Company owner, to appear before the Commission at a special proceeding scheduled to convene virtually at 9:30 am on November 25, 2024, via Zoom, and to bring the documents specified in the Subpoenas.
- 3 On November 21, 2024, Justin Larreau filed with the Commission a signed hearing waiver indicating that the Company waived its right to a hearing in this matter and requesting the Commission base its decision on the written documents submitted by the parties.

- 4 On November 21, 2024, Commission staff (Staff) filed a settlement agreement (Settlement) on behalf of the parties that resolved all of the contested issues in this proceeding.
- 5 On November 22, 2024, the Commission issued Order 02 Approving Settlement Agreement; Canceling Brief Adjudicative Proceeding, which approved the Settlement without condition, ordered Northwest Junk to immediately cease and desist operations as a solid waste carrier within the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission, and assessed a penalty of \$6,000, and suspended a \$3,500 portion of the penalty for a period of two years to be waived subject to conditions.
- 6 On November 22, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Errata to Appendix A to Order 02, which corrected the year identified for the scheduled payments January through September from 2024 to 2025.
- 7 On April 10, 2025, Staff filed a letter to the docket, noting that the Company has missed three scheduled payments under its payment plan, and it has not made a payment since January 21, 2025. Additionally, on April 7, 2025, Staff was able to use Northwest Junk's online booking system to book an offer for solid waste transportation. Staff followed up via text message with a picture of curbside garbage requesting a quote for collection. The company responded that it could collect the garbage for \$300. Staff requests that the Commission cancel the payment arrangement and make the entire remaining balance of \$5,400 immediately due and payable.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 8 We agree with Staff that the payment arrangement should be canceled. Given the Company's failure to make three payments in a timely manner and also failing to cease operating as a solid waste collection company without a certificate, Staff has properly moved for cancellation of the payment arrangement consistent with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-915(8)(b).

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 9 (1) The payment arrangement granted to Justin Larreau d/b/a Northwest Junk Haulers LLC in Order 02 is hereby canceled.
- 10 (2) The remaining balance of \$5,400 is immediately due and payable.

- 11 The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

Dated at Lacey, Washington, and effective April 11, 2025.

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JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this Order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.