Service Date: October 10, 2022

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Investigation of

ESTABLISHED MOVING & STORAGE OF SEATTLE, INC., d/b/a ESTABLISHED MOVING & STORAGE,

For Compliance with WAC 480-15

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against

ESTABLISHED MOVING &
STORAGE OF SEATTLE, INC., d/b/a
ESTABLISHED MOVING &
STORAGE

In the amount of \$10,000

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against

ESTABLISHED MOVING &
STORAGE OF SEATTLE, INC., d/b/a
ESTABLISHED MOVING &
STORAGE

In the Amount of \$1,600

DOCKETS TV-210741 and TV-210742 (Consolidated)

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DOCKET TV-220592 (Consolidated)

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CONSOLIDATING DOCKETS; GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

On November 10, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Consolidating Dockets; Approving Safety Management Plan; Upgrading Safety Rating; Extending Provisional Period; Imposing and Suspending Penalties (Order 01) against Established Moving & Storage of Seattle, Inc., d/b/a Established Moving & Storage (Established Moving or Company) in Dockets TV-210741 and TV-210742. Order 01 assessed a \$15,000 penalty, a \$10,000 portion of which was suspended for a period of two years subject to the following conditions: (1) Established

Moving must maintain a conditional safety rating; (2) Established Moving must pay the \$5,000 portion of the penalty that is not suspended according to an approved payment plan; and (3) Established Moving must not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations upon re-inspection.

- In August 2022, Commission staff (Staff) performed a follow-up inspection and discovered repeat violations of critical regulations.
- On August 17, 2022, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$1,600 against the Company in Docket TV-220592 for the violations discovered in the follow-up inspection.
- On September 8, 2022, the Commission issued a letter reimposing the \$10,000 portion of the penalty that was suspended by Order 01 in consolidated Dockets TV-210741 and TV-210742, for failure to abide by the conditions of the suspension.
- On August 31, 2022, Established Moving filed with the Commission an application for mitigation of penalties in Docket TV-220592, and on September 20, the Commission entered Order 01, Denying Mitigation (Mitigation Order), in that Docket. The Mitigation Order ordered the Company to work with Staff to file an agreed plan to pay the total combined penalty from both Dockets.
- On September 27, 2022, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the combined penalties from Dockets TV-210741, TV-210742, and TV-220592 in 23 monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	January 17, 2023	\$600
2	February 15, 2023	\$500
3	March 15, 2023	\$500
4	April 17, 2023	\$500
5	May 15, 2023	\$500
6	June 15, 2023	\$500
7	July 17, 2023	\$500
8	August 15, 2023	\$500
9	September 15, 2023	\$500
10	October 16, 2023	\$500
11	November 15, 2023	\$500

12	December 15, 2023	\$500
13	January 16, 2024	\$500
14	February 15, 2024	\$500
15	March 15, 2024	\$500
16	April 15, 2024	\$500
17	May 15, 2024	\$500
18	June 17, 2024	\$500
19	July 15, 2024	\$500
20	August 15, 2024	\$500
21	September 16, 2024	\$500
22	October 15, 2024	\$500
23	November 15, 2024	\$500

Staff also proposes that if Established Moving fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire balance, including the suspended penalty, will become due and payable immediately.

DISCUSSION

1. Consolidation

Because the violations discovered in Staff's inspection gave rise to the enforcement actions taken in both dockets, the Commission exercises its discretion to consolidate these proceedings. Accordingly, Dockets TV-210741 and TV-210742 are consolidated with TV-220592.

2. Payment Arrangement

3. The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. Accordingly, the Commission approves the proposal, with one modification. Established Moving may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make its timely monthly installment until the full amount of \$11,600 is satisfied.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 4. (1) The \$11,600 combined penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 6, above.
- 5. (2) If Established Moving & Storage of Seattle, Inc., d/b/a Established Moving & Storage fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 6. 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 October 10, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
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.