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May 11, 2015

NOTICE OF RECUSAL

RE: *In Re Application of Five Stars Moving & Storage, LLC,*
Docket TV-150223

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 10, 2015, Five Stars Moving & Storage, LLC (Five Stars Moving or Applicant) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application for authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington.

On March 20, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Deny Application for Permanent Authority and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing based on its review and investigation of the application. The Commission cites the fact that the Applicant's owner, William Anthony Trick, has a 1999 felony conviction for child molestation in the first degree as its basis for denying the application. The Notice provided Five Stars Moving the opportunity to request a hearing by April 3, 2015. On March 30, 2015, Five Stars Moving filed a Request for Hearing.

On April 22, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding set for June 11, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., and appointed me, Rayne Pearson, as the presiding officer.

On May 7, 2015, Five Stars Moving filed a Motion to Disqualify, alleging that I cannot be unbiased, unprejudiced, and impartial in this matter. The Applicant cites my previous role as Staff's witness in a 2013 household goods permit application proceeding wherein I advocated for the denial of a permit application based on Mr. Trick's criminal history. Because Mr. Trick's conviction is the only issue in this case, the Applicant questions my ability to remain unbiased.

Although I have no doubt that I could adjudicate this matter impartially, I will nevertheless recuse myself from the proceedings in the interest of allowing the focus to remain on the substantive issues presented.

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge