BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for Penalties Against:

DOCKET TE-180210

DECLARATION OF SUSIE PAUL

CRESCENT BAR CHARTERS LLC

Susie Paul, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

- 1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) as a Compliance Investigator in the Consumer Protection Section. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate transportation companies that may be operating without the required commission-issued certificate.
- 2. On Feb. 27, 2018, I received e-mails from commission Motor Carrier Safety staff addressed to Troy Davis, Crescent Bar Charters LLC (Crescent Bar or Company). The emails were related to staff's attempts to perform a safety compliance investigation and includes the following statement from Mr. Davis: "...I'm aware of the permit cancellation."
- 3. I reviewed commission records on Feb. 28, 2018, to determine if Crescent Bar's charter party and excursion certificate was active. According to Commission records, Crescent Bar was notified its certificate (CH-066094) was cancelled on Dec. 7, 2017, due to insufficient proof of insurance. Crescent Bar's address on file at the commission is recorded as 9119 Seahawk Ln NW, Quincy, WA 98848, email address of busstop@cbcharters.com, and a website address of cbarcharters.com.
- 4. An internet search of Washington's Secretary of State, Washington Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service, and the U.S. Department of Transportation

¹ See Attachment A for copies of emails between UTC staff and Troy Davis, dated Oct. and Dec. 2017.

² See Attachment B for a copy of Commission records documenting Crescent Bar's inactive status and the notification of cancellation of certificate, dated Dec. 7, 2017.

Safety and Fitness Electronic Records (SAFER), produced records showing Crescent Bar is in active status in Washington State.³

- 5. An internet search on www.facebook.com produced advertisements for Crescent Bar Charters offering group tours.⁴
- 6. An internet search for charters.com produced a website for Crescent Bar Charters with a link to send an online inquiry.⁵
- 7. On Feb. 13, 2018, I used the online inquiry link found on Crescent Bar's website. I used an assumed name to obtain a quote for a wine tour for a wedding party of ten for the dates of Feb. 17 or 24, 2018. On Feb. 13, 2018, I received an email from Troy Davis, with an email address of busstop@cbcharters.com, offering my party to join a group of two couples who were already booked for Feb. 17, 2018.⁶
- 8. In another email on Feb. 13, Mr. Davis offered my party a tour of different wineries and provided rates of "...99 per hour for the first four hours then 25 for each additional hour..."⁷

DATED this 12th day of March, 2018, at Olympia, Washington.

SUSIE PAUL

³ See Attachment C for a copy of Washington Secretary of State, Washington Department of Revenue Business Licensing, and SAFER records, which I printed on Feb. 28 and March 2, 2018.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of Crescent Bar Charter's Facebook page, which I printed on Feb. 28, 2018.

⁵ See Attachment E for a copy of Crescent Bar's website, which I printed on Feb. 28, 2018.

⁶ See Attachment F for a copies of request for a tour and responding email, dated Feb. 13, 2018.

⁷ See Attachment G for a copy of email from Troy Davis with quote for tour, dated Feb. 13, 2018.

ATTACHMENT A

Gagne, Francine (UTC)

From:

Troy Davis

Sunday, December 3, 2017 6:03 AM

Sent: To:

Gagne, Francine (UTC)

Subject:

Re: Upcoming compliance investigation

Morning Francine,

We're just arrived for the day in Mexico on the ship and won't be back by then thanks for asking. Quite a trip.

I only have email and internet for one day today. We also received a cancellation notice from Mike Dodson on our permit, which we only run the shuttle June through October anyway so that's fine. We suspend the insurance during those months we don't run it and it's is stored. So as of December 6th we don't have a permit so it's really a mute point. We will start running again in June and will re apply so I'm sure it will get a another type 1 inspection at that time. I will email Mike also to let him know I'm aware of the permit cancellation.

Thanks!

Trov

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 30, 2017, at 7:28 AM, Gagne, Francine (UTC) < fgagne@utc.wa.gov > wrote:

Good morning!

Hoping your vacation went well? Will you be back in town December 11-13th? We could reschedule for then if that works for you?

Francine

From: Troy Davis [mailto:busstop@cbarcharters.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Gagne, Francine (UTC) <fgagne@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Upcoming compliance investigation

Hi Francine,

We are headed to Europe next week and then a 3 week cruise so we will be out of town until at least December, and no cell phone service! . We are shut down for the winter as we only run the shuttle bus six months a year May through mid October after the last weekend of Octoberfest in Leavenworth. The insurance company does make us keep full coverage on it which they report annually to the UTC so you should have that information. The bus runs around 5000 miles a year for intrastate operations only for 25 revenue trips a year within 50 miles and one trip to a Mariner game this year. I know you did a Level 1 on it already and another in your office did a Level 1 when we went into service.

When we get back in town I can contact you so you can finish up and get your assignment finished.

Could you tell me the name of the employee/supervisor who assigned this to you?

We fly out next week so if I am sporadic with communication you know why.

Thanks!

Troy Davis

For Christene Davis

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 17, 2017, at 11:41 AM, Gagne, Francine (UTC) < fgagne@utc.wa.gov > wrote:

Good morning!

I have been assigned to conduct a routine compliance review on your company. I will be in your area on October 30, 2017 and can meet you at 1:00pm to begin the review of your records. Please let me know the best location for us to meet. If you are able to return the safety questionnaire and driver and vehicle lists prior to the review, it will speed things up.

Let me know if you have any concerns. I look forward to working with you.

Francine Gagne

Special Investigator | Utilities and Transportation Commission

fgagne@utc.wa.gov | office 360.664.1231 cell 360.529.2082

UTC Motor Carrier Safety | PO Box 47250 | Olympia, WA 98504-7250 | www.utc.wa.gov

<CBar Safety Questionnaire.docx>

<CBar Appointment Letter.docx>

ATTACHMENT B





STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., P.O. Box 47250 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160 • TTY (360) 586-8203

December 7, 2017

Crescent Bar Charters LLC 9119 Seahawk Ln NW Quincy, WA 98848

TE171180 - Cancellation of Certificate CH066094 Due To Insufficient Proof of Insurance

Dear Crescent Bar Charters LLC:

On Nocember 6, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) notified you that your transportation certificate would be canceled unless you submitted acceptable proof of insurance by December 6, 2017. Our records show that you failed to submit acceptable proof of insurance by that deadline. As a consequence, the Commission has CANCELED your certificate. You must immediately CEASE all operations associated with this certificate. If you operate without a valid certificate, the commission may take enforcement action against you.

You have the right to a hearing. If you believe the Commission should not have canceled your certificate, you may ask the Commission to schedule a hearing before an administrative law judge. At the hearing the only issue the Commission will address is whether you had proof of insurance on file to avoid cancellation. Email your request to Steven V. King, Secretary, at records@utc.wa.gov. You may also mail your request to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive. SW, PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. The Commission must receive your request within 14 days after the date of this letter.

You may apply to reinstate your certificate. Download the reinstatement application at www.utc.wa.gov. To locate application instructions, type "File Your Transportation Application Electronically" in the site search bar, and select this link. Then, click on the appropriate industry application.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Licensing Services at (360) 664-1222. You may also email us at transportation@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Stillwell

Licensing Services Manager

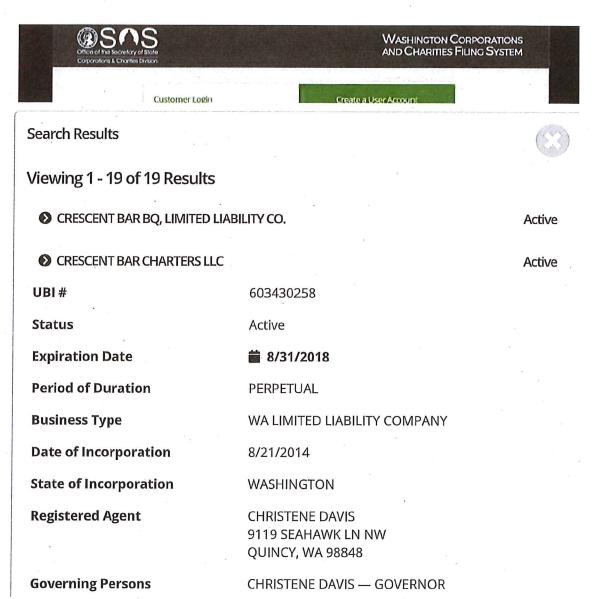
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Corporations - WA Secretary of State

Quickly start filing your ANNUAL REPORT (https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/#/expressAnnualReportSearch/BusinessSearch)

<u>Corporations & Charities</u> <u>Filing System</u>

(https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/#/)



https://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/



Help

My DOR #

My DOR Business License Lookup AZUL RIVER TOURS LLC

License Information: New search Previous search

Entity name: CRESCENT BAR CHARTERS LLC

Business name: AZUL RIVER TOURS LLC

Entity type: Limited Liability Company

UBI: 603-430-258 Business ID: 001 Location ID: 0001

Location: Open

Status: To check the status of this company, go to the link(s) below:
Department of Revenue
Secretary of State

Location and Mailing address: 9119 SEAHAWK LN NW QUINCY, WA, 98848

View Additional Locations

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Registered Trade Names

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CRESCENT BAR CHARTERS LLC Active Oct-06-2014

Information current as of 2/28/2018 10:32:51 AM

Contact us

Your Privacy

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Company Snapshot

CRESCENT BAR CHARTERS LLC USDOT Number: 2790381

Search

ID/Operations | Inspections/Crashes In US | Inspections/Crashes In Canada | Safety Rating

Carriers: If you would like to update the following ID/Operations information, please complete and submit form MCS-150 which can be obtained online or from your State FMCSA office. If you would like to challenge the accuracy of your company's safety data, you can do so using FMCSA's DataQs system.

Other Information for this Carrier

■ SMS Results Licensing & Insurance

Carrier and other users: FMCSA provides the Company Safety Profile (CSP) to motor carriers and the general public interested in obtaining greater detail on a particular motor carrier's safety performance then what is captured in the Company Snapshot. To obtain a CSP please visit the CSP order page or call (800)832-5660 or (703)280-4001 (Fee Required).

For help on the explanation of individual data fields, click on any field name or for help of a general nature go to SAFER General Help.

The information below reflects the content of the FMCSA management information systems as of 03/01/2018. Carrier Registration Information

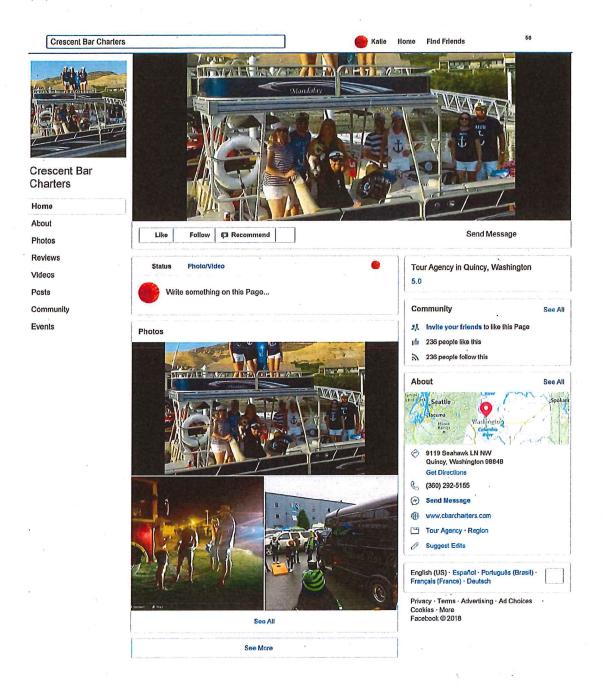
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Phone:	(509) 787-2135						
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Logs, Poles, Beams, Lumber		Grain, Feed, Hay		Utilities			
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<u>ID/Operations</u> | Inspections/Crashes In US | <u>Inspections/Crashes In Canada</u> | <u>Safety Rating</u>

US Inspection results for 24 months prior to: 03/01/2018

Total Inspections: 1 Total IEP Inspections: 0

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle, driver, and hazmat inspections. Go to Inspections Help for further information.



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Sunfire Grill

Restaurant Located in: Resort Works At Crescent Bar Address: 23572 Sunserra Loop #2, Quincy, WA 98848 Hours: Open · Closes 10PM

Tuesday

9AM-10PM

Wednesday Thursday

9AM-10PM 9AM-10PM

Friday

9AM-10PM

From: Troy Davis < busstop@cbarcharters.com > Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:32:01 PM

To: Katie Lalane Subject: Re: Wine tour

Sounds great!

It is already booked for a wine tour on Saturday the 17th It only has four people going on it and they are headed to several wineries to include Martin Scott, Pybus market which has Jones winery and the cashmere area. Would you like me to ask them if they would like to get a bigger group? It is two couples that celebrate Valentine's Day every year with us. If it doesn't work we can book you for the following weekend. The You could split the cost a bit more but of course it would be up to them. If it doesn't work no problem the following Saturday!

Troy

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 13, 2018, at 1:24 PM, Katie Lalane < carpoolmomma@hotmail.com > wrote:

Thanks for getting back with me so quickly. I'd like to book for later this month. It's a celebration for my wedding party (10 of us), so I am fairly open. A Saturday is best for most, so if the 17 or 24 is open, that would be terrific. My

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Re: Wine tour - Katie Lalane

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wedding is in March. Me and my finance are footing the bill, so I guess I need to know ballpark cost for visiting at least 3 wineries. Yay! So excited!!!

Katie

From: Troy Davis < busstop@cbarcharters.com > Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:30:10 PM

To: carpoolmomma@hotmail.com

Subject: Wine tour

Hi Katie,

What date are you interested in?

CB Charters

Sent from my iPad

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Re: Wine tour - Katie Lalane

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Re: Wine tour

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Troy Davis

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Tue 2/13/2018 5:24 PM

To:Katie Lalane <carpoolmomma@hotmail.com>;

If you guys go the following Saturday I have a bit of a different route (better wineries in my opinion) Cave B is always nice and beautiful. Pete Beaumont has awesome wine and Jones winery gives nice big pours.

These guys are going a different direction.

We're pretty inexpensive as we only charge 99 per hour for the first four hours then 25 for each additional hour so you can be as flexible with time as you like. So the savings wouldn't be that much as they only have four people. If you are splitting it with ten that's pretty cheap.

Sent from my iPad