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September 13, 2022

Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. ASD Ventures Inc. d/b/a College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving*  
Commission Staff Compliance Update for Order 01 and Recommendation  
Docket TV-210654 and TV-210655 (*Consolidated*)

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On October 18, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission entered Order 01, Consolidating Dockets; Approving Safety Management Plan; Extending Provisional Period Subject to Conditions in Dockets TV-200635 and TV-200636. Order 01 assessed a \$700 penalty against ASD Ventures Inc., d/b/a College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving, (ASD Ventures or Company) approved the Company's safety management plan, and extended the provisional authority period, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) ASD Ventures maintains its conditional safety rating;
- (2) ASD Ventures pays the \$700 penalty in TV-210655;
- (3) ASD Ventures pays the imposed \$3,000 penalty in TV-200746 and TV-200745 (*Consolidated*);
- (4) All Company operations staff attend household goods training provided by Commission staff;
- (5) Commission staff (Staff) perform a focused review of the Company's hours of service records, criminal background checks, and driver's medical certification six months from the date of reinstatement;
- (6) ASD Ventures must achieve a satisfactory safety rating following a comprehensive safety investigation six months from the date of Order 01;
- (7) The Company must not receive any repeat acute or critical violation during the follow-up inspections; and
- (8) Any violation of these conditions will be grounds for cancellation of ASD Ventures' operating authority as an intrastate household goods mover in Washington

On October 13, 2021, ASD Ventures' operations staff attended the household goods training provided by Staff.

On October 18, 2021, ASD Ventures paid the \$700 penalty in Docket TV-210655.

On October 28, 2021, the Company paid the imposed \$3,000 penalty in Dockets TV-200746 and TV-200745 (*Consolidated*) in full.

On August 24, 2022, Staff completed the required follow-up investigation. The Company received repeat critical violations of WAC 480-15-555 for failing to obtain criminal background checks on prospective employees prior to hire. ASD Ventures did have background checks on each prospective employee; however, those background checks were obtained after employment began. The Company was provided technical assistance on correcting this process. The result of the follow-up safety investigation was a satisfactory safety rating.

On September 9, 2022, the Commission assessed a penalty \$2,400 for violations that were discovered during Staff's follow-up investigation.<sup>1</sup>

Because of the repeat critical violation, Staff finds that ASD Ventures failed to meet each requirement of Order 01, which could be grounds for cancellation of the Company's operating authority. Staff acknowledges the continued improvement in the Company's safety program as it achieved a satisfactory safety rating, was cooperative throughout the investigation, been receptive to technical assistance, and expressed a desire to come into compliance with safety regulations. Though each condition of Order 01 was not met, Staff recommends that the Commission not cancel ASD Ventures' operating authority and allow the Company to obtain permanent authority once penalties from the follow-up investigation are satisfied.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety at [Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov](mailto:Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov) or at (360) 701-1603.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Docket TV-220651