BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Investigation of

VINCENT CARROLL, LLC, D/B/A VINCENT PRO MOVING

For Compliance with WAC 480-15-560 and WAC 480-15-570

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL PERMIT AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER

NOTICE OF BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING; SETTING TIME FOR ORAL STATEMENTS (Set for September 3, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.)

- I Pursuant to RCW 81.80.130, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has authority to regulate common carriers, including household goods carriers, with respect to safety of operations. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-450 provides that the Commission may cancel a household goods carrier's permit and operating authority for good cause, including where the carrier fails to comply with safety requirements. Commission staff (Staff) recommends that the Commission cancel the permit of Vincent Carroll, LLC, d/b/a/ Vincent Pro Moving, (Vincent Pro Moving or Company) for good cause due to the Company's ongoing failure to comply with applicable laws and Commission rules pertaining to the operation of household goods carriers, including safety requirements set in law or rule.
- WAC 480-15-999 adopts by reference Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), pertaining to safety requirements for household goods carriers. WAC 480-15-560 specifically requires carriers to comply with 49 C.F.R. Part 385, and 49 C.F.R. § 385.13 prohibits motor carriers from operating beginning on the 61st day after the date of a notice of proposed unsatisfactory rating. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 385.17, a carrier that receives a proposed unsatisfactory or conditional safety rating may request a change in its safety rating based on evidence that the company has taken corrective actions to address the identified violations and that the company's operations currently meet the safety fitness standards.
- *3* On September 12, 2018, the Commission granted the Company a provisional household goods carrier permit.
- 4 On July 13, 2020, Staff completed an investigation of Vincent Pro Moving's compliance with the safety requirements in WAC 480-15. As a result of the compliance investigation, Staff documented 83 safety requirement violations and proposed an unsatisfactory safety rating for the Company. Staff notified the Company of this proposed rating on July 13, 2020.

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- 5 Vincent Pro Moving must come into compliance with applicable laws by obtaining Commission approval of a safety management plan no later than September 11, 2020. If the Company fails to come into compliance by that date, the Commission will cancel its household goods carrier permit effective September 12, 2020. Thereafter, as an unregistered company, Vincent Pro Moving would be prohibited from providing household goods carrier services in the state of Washington.
- 6 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE: That it intends to cancel the permit and authority of Vincent Pro Moving to provide services as a household goods carrier effective September 12, 2020, for cause, following a hearing on the factual allegations set out above, unless the Company obtains Commission approval of a safety management plan prior to that date.
- 7 Pursuant to WAC 480-15-450(2) the Commission will hold a hearing prior to cancelling a household goods permit for a company's failure to comply with applicable laws and commission rules pertaining to operations of household goods carriers, including safety requirements set in law or rule. Accordingly, the Commission determines that a brief adjudicative proceeding is appropriate to determine whether the Commission should cancel Vincent Pro Moving's household goods carrier permit.
- 8 THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE: That it will hold a virtual brief adjudicative proceeding in this matter at 9:30 a.m. on September 3, 2020. To attend the hearing by telephone, call (360) 407-3810 and enter the Conference ID 1921462. To attend via the Skype for Business application, please use the following link: https://lync.wa.gov/utc.wa.gov/meet/aldcalendar/NMM424Z8.
- 9 The record in this case will consist of any documents regarding the matter that are considered by or prepared for the presiding officer for the brief adjudicative proceeding and a transcript of any oral statements given at the hearing, which statements will be given under oath.
- 10 Written notice of any other stage in the proceeding or other formal proceedings that the Commission may deem appropriate will be given during the course of this case. The Commission will provide on its website copies of documents in the current record for use by the parties or others who may want to review them.
- 11 Vincent Pro Moving must submit its proposed safety management plan no later than 5 p.m. on August 20, 2020. Parties wishing to submit any other documents for consideration at the brief adjudicative proceeding must file any such documents with the Commission a list enumerating and describing any such documents no later than 5 p.m. on August 27, 2020. Filing shall be in accordance with WAC 480-07-140.

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- 12 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE: That any party who fails to attend or participate in the brief adjudicative proceeding set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.
- *13* The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are shown as follows:

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Respondent:	Vincent Carroll, LLC, d/b/a Vincent Pro Moving 8451 35 th Ave. SW Seattle, WA 98126 (206) 617-2712 <u>Vcarroll@vincentpromoving.com</u>
Representative:	Unknown

14 Administrative Law Judge Samantha Doyle, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.¹

DATED at Lacey, Washington and effective July 28, 2020.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MARK L. JOHNSON Executive Director and Secretary

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Attention: Mark L. Johnson P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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