

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Investigation of

GM MOVE TRANSPORT LLC

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

DOCKET TV-210284

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

NOTICE OF BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE
PROCEEDING; SETTING TIME
FOR ORAL STATEMENTS
(Set for **June 10, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.**)

- 1 Pursuant to RCW 81.80.130, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) regulates the safe operation of motor freight carriers, including household goods carriers.
- 2 GM Move Transport LLC (GM Move or Company) engages in business as a household goods carrier under Commission-issued provisional permit number THG-068988.
- 3 Between March and April 2021, the Commission's staff (Staff) reviewed GM Move's compliance with the requirements of WAC 480-15-560 and WAC 480-15-570, which adopt, among other provisions, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Parts 391, 392, 395, and 396. Staff's investigation also involved review of compliance with WAC 480-15-555 and WAC 480-15-590.
- 4 As a result of the compliance investigation, Staff documented 23 occurrences of safety requirement violations and proposed a conditional safety rating for the Company. Staff notified the Company of this proposed rating on April 21, 2021.
- 5 A carrier may request a change in its safety rating based on evidence that it has taken corrective actions to address the identified violations and that company operations currently meet the safety fitness standard specified in 49 C.F.R. 385.5 and 385.7.
- 6 The Commission will grant permanent operating authority to a carrier that successfully completes its provisional period. Doing so requires, among other things, the carrier to receive a satisfactory safety rating in a review conducted by Staff. WAC 480-15-305(1)(e). If a carrier fails to receive a satisfactory safety rating within 18 months of obtaining its provisional permit, the Commission will cancel the carrier's provisional permit and dismiss the company's application for permanent authority unless the Commission finds good cause to extend the provisional period. WAC 480-15-305(3).

- 7 Under the circumstances presented in this case, the Commission determines that it will afford GM Move the same opportunity as companies that have received a proposed unsatisfactory rating to provide evidence, in the form of an approved safety management plan, showing that it has taken corrective action to address the identified violations. GM Move must come into compliance with applicable laws by obtaining a Commission approval of a safety management plan no later June 18, 2021. If the Company fails to come into compliance by that date, the Commission will cancel its household goods carrier permit effective June 21, 2021. Thereafter, as an unregistered company, GM Move would be prohibited from providing household goods carrier service in the state of Washington.
- 8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it intends to cancel the permit and authority of GM Move to provide services as a household goods carrier effective June 21, 2021, for cause, following a hearing on the factual allegations set out above, unless GM Move obtains Commission approval of a safety management plan prior to that date.**
- 9 Pursuant to RCW 34.05.482 and WAC 480-07-610, the Commission schedules a hearing on its own initiative and determines that a brief adjudicative proceeding is appropriate to determine whether the Commission should cancel GM Move's household goods carrier permit.
- 10 **THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will hold a virtual brief adjudicative proceeding in this matter at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 10, 2021. To attend the hearing by telephone, please call (253) 372-2181 and enter the conference ID: 472 425 745#. To attend via Skype for Business, please use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)**
- 11 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.
- 12 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 at its offices in Lacey, Washington, copies of documents in the current record for use by the parties or others who may want to review them.
- 13 **GM Move must submit its proposed safety management plan no later than 5 p.m. on May 27, 2021.** Parties wishing to submit any other documents for consideration at the brief adjudicative proceeding must file with the Commission a list enumerating and describing any such documents **no later than 5 p.m. on June 3, 2021**, and bring an original and three

(3) copies of those documents to the hearing. Filing shall be in accordance with WAC 480-07-140 and -145.

14 **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.**

15 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are shown as follows:

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16 Administrative Law Judge Andrew J. O'Connell, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.¹

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective May 6, 2021.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary

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