

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

TARA CHILA d/b/a MOVES FOR  
SENIORS

DOCKET TV-170747

ORDER 02

DISMISSING PETITION FOR  
DECLARATORY PROCEEDING

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On July 17, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Order Instituting Special Proceeding; Complaint Seeking to Impose Penalties; and Notice of Mandatory Appearance at Hearing (Order 01), initiating this docket on its own motion. The Complaint alleges that Tara Chila d/b/a Moves for Seniors (Moves for Seniors or Company) violated RCW 81.80.075(1) by offering and advertising household goods moving services within the state of Washington without the necessary permit required for such operations. On the same date, the Commission issued a *Subpoena and Subpoena Duces Tecum For Production of Documents* to the Company commanding Moves for Seniors to appear before the Commission at a special proceeding scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. on October 25, 2017, and to bring the documents specified in the subpoenas.
- 2 On October 20, 2017, Moves for Seniors filed with the Commission a Petition for Declaratory Proceeding (Petition) requesting the Commission enter a declaratory order holding, *inter alia*, that Moves for Seniors is not a household goods motor carrier subject to Commission jurisdiction.

**DISCUSSION**

- 3 Pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-930(1)(b), “The Commission will dismiss a petition for declaratory order when issues in the petition are at issue in a pending adjudication.” Here, Moves for Seniors requested the Commission determine whether the Company’s business operations are subject to Commission regulation, which is precisely the issue before us in the instant proceeding. Because the issues set out in the Petition will be resolved in this docket through the pending

adjudication, issuing a declaratory order is neither appropriate nor necessary. Accordingly, we dismiss the Company's Petition with prejudice.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Tara Chila d/b/a Moves for Seniors' Petition for Declaratory Proceeding is DISMISSED with prejudice.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 24, 2017.

RAYNE PEARSON  
Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.**