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 2 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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 4 In re Application of ) DOCKET TV-180213

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 6 CAMERON BREWER d/b/a )

 RELIANCE MOVING )

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 8 For a permit to operate )

 as a motor carrier of )

 9 household goods. )

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 4 P R O C E E D I N G S

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 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Let's be on the

 7 record. So good morning. Today is Tuesday,

 8 May 15th, 2018, and the time is 9:30 a.m. This is

 9 Docket TV-180213 regarding an application of Cameron

10 Brewer, doing business as Reliance Moving for a permit

11 to operate as a motor carrier of household goods.

12 My name is Laura Chartoff, and I am the

13 administrative law judge presiding over today's brief

14 adjudicative proceeding.

15 Let's start by taking appearances from both

16 parties. Start with Commission Staff.

17 MR. ROBERSON: Good morning. My name is

18 Jeff Roberson, R-o-b-e-r-s-o-n. I'm an assistant

19 attorney general representing Staff. My address is 1400

20 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, PO Box 40128,

21 Olympia, Washington 98504. My phone number is

22 360-664-1188, and my email address is

23 jeff.roberson@utc.wa.gov.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

25 And the company, can you please state your

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 1 first and last name?

 2 MR. BREWER: Yes, my name is Cameron Brewer

 3 with Reliance Moving.

 4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And please state your

 5 address.

 6 MR. BREWER: Address is 4717 Bevan Street,

 7 that's B-e-v-a-n, Bellingham, Washington 98226.

 8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And telephone number and

 9 email?

10 MR. BREWER: Telephone number is

11 951-227-6705, and email address is

12 reliancemovingoffice@gmail.com.

13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

14 Okay. So I'll provide a brief roadmap for

15 today's proceeding. We are here today because the

16 Commission issued a notice of intent to deny the

17 company's application for permit and authority as a

18 household goods carrier. Mr. Brewer requested a hearing

19 to have the opportunity to respond to the allegations

20 contained in that notice and explain why the application

21 should be approved.

22 So how we typically do this type of

23 proceeding is we start by having Mr. Roberson give a

24 brief overview of Staff's case, and then you can present

25 your case, Mr. Brewer, following which Mr. Roberson

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 1 presents Staff's case. And once all the witnesses have

 2 testified, both parties will have a chance to make

 3 closing statements.

 4 Are there any questions or concerns about

 5 that order?

 6 MR. ROBERSON: No.

 7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So,

 8 Mr. Roberson, you may proceed with an opening statement.

 9 MR. ROBERSON: Good morning. As you

10 mentioned, this is an application for a household goods

11 operating authority, WAC 480-15-302(8)(a) and WAC

12 480-15-305(2), provided that the Commission will deny

13 any application for operating authority where any named

14 person in the application has a certain type of

15 conviction within five years of the date of the

16 application.

17 In the course of processing Mr. Brewer's

18 application, Staff discovered a petty theft conviction,

19 excuse me, from California roughly a year before the

20 date of application and recommended denying the

21 application on that basis. As I understand it,

22 Mr. Brewer's here to present possibly evidence as to why

23 the Commission should grant him an exemption from that

24 rule, and Staff would just like to hear that evidence

25 before it offers a recommendation on whether or not to

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 1 grant the exemption.

 2 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. And -- okay.

 3 So before you start speaking, I would like to swear you

 4 in. So please stand and raise your right hand.

 5 (Cameron Brewer sworn.)

 6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Please be seated. Okay.

 7 So what would you like to tell us today?

 8 MR. BREWER: So my wife and I moved up here

 9 to Bellingham, Washington, from Corona, California,

10 about two years ago. I got a letter in the mail from

11 Riverside Court about a petty theft charge. So

12 basically, they put a warrant out for my arrest. I have

13 no knowledge of this -- this petty theft.

14 When -- I was trying to get my license at

15 the time so I could start obviously making money and

16 doing moving because that's what I was doing down in

17 California. I -- I had to plead guilty to this charge

18 because I can't go down to California. We moved up here

19 with $2,000 into a room for rent so -- and my wife was

20 six months pregnant, so it just really wasn't an option

21 to go down to California to contest the case.

22 So I pleaded guilty to it, which was a big

23 mistake now I'm finding out and -- yeah, that's pretty

24 much it. I -- I got the warrant dismissed, and I got my

25 license back. And now when I tried to apply for the

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 1 permit, it's kind of coming back to haunt me. So yeah,

 2 that's -- that's basically it.

 3 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Let me make

 4 sure I got all that. So you moved here two years ago

 5 from Corona, California, you're living in Bellingham?

 6 MR. BREWER: Yes.

 7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: You got a -- how were you

 8 notified of the charge?

 9 MR. BREWER: Through the mail.

10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And when -- what was the

11 date of the theft?

12 MR. BREWER: I really don't know. It was

13 kind of one of those things I had to hire a lawyer to go

14 to court for me to plead guilty to get -- to start

15 paying on the fines so I could get my license back,

16 which was a mistake.

17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you have any questions

18 for Mr. Brewer?

19 MR. ROBERSON: May I have a second to confer

20 with my client?

21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Sure.

22 We can be off the record.

23 (Pause in the proceedings.)

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: We're on the record.

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 1 E X A M I N A T I O N

 2 BY MR. ROBERSON:

 3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Brewer. So do you remember

 4 being arrested for this offense?

 5 A. I was not arrested.

 6 Q. So you were charged with something you weren't

 7 arrested for?

 8 A. Yes, sir.

 9 Q. Okay. Do you have any idea what the underlying

10 crime involved with the charge is?

11 A. I think they said I stole a bottle of alcohol.

12 Q. So it was --

13 A. From a grocery store.

14 Q. So this is petty theft?

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. Did they give you any idea as to the value of

17 the alcohol?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. You hired an attorney to go to court to

20 get the warrant quashed?

21 A. Mm-hmm, that was the main reason for it.

22 Q. Okay. The warrant is quashed?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you've paid off all the fines?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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 1 Q. And you are not -- you pled guilty, just for the

 2 record?

 3 A. Yes, sir.

 4 Q. You did not serve any time?

 5 A. No.

 6 Q. Were you placed on probation?

 7 A. No, I don't think so.

 8 Q. But you're not sure?

 9 A. I'm not sure.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Probation for pleading guilty to this crime?

12 No.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. No.

15 Q. No.

16 So the only, I guess, penalty to the extent that

17 there was for your guilty plea was that you paid fines?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Can you give me an idea as to the size of the

20 fine?

21 A. It was 900-and-something dollars.

22 Q. Okay. Are there any other convictions that

23 would be relevant? Any theft convictions, anything like

24 that?

25 A. No, no theft convictions, no.

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 1 Q. Any other convictions?

 2 A. I have --

 3 Q. Let me rephrase that.

 4 Any for fraud, sexual assault, assault, drugs in

 5 terms of manufacturer or sale?

 6 A. No way.

 7 Q. None of those?

 8 A. No way.

 9 Q. Okay. How old were those convictions?

10 A. These -- the ones -- the ones that I was going

11 to say right now?

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. These were from when I was 17. I think my

14 last -- my last one was like 21, and these were DUIs.

15 Q. Okay. How old are you now?

16 A. I'm 26.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. 27, sorry.

19 Q. So it's been more than five years?

20 A. It's been more than five years.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And I'm married with two children and completely

23 changed my life around, so kind of frustrating to have

24 this stuff keep popping up, but that's why I'm here.

25 Q. Understandable.

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 1 MR. ROBERSON: I don't think I have any

 2 further questions.

 3 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Do you have

 4 anything further?

 5 MR. BREWER: Yeah, I just wanted to say that

 6 we're the moving company that you guys want to grant a

 7 permit to. We take extreme care of our customers'

 8 personal items, we're honest, reliable, hence the name

 9 "Reliance Moving." And I just -- this is -- this is my

10 livelihood, this is what I do.

11 I enjoy helping people when they're super

12 stressed out, that's why I started this moving company.

13 And I just think it would be a really good idea to grant

14 us this permit so we can do it the right way. We've

15 already invested so much money into this, and it's --

16 I'm not going to stop. If I have to wait five years for

17 this to pass, then I will. I'll be back. And yeah,

18 that's pretty much it. This is -- this is my life, and

19 this is what I do so...

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

21 Does Staff want to present its case?

22 MR. ROBERSON: Yeah. Staff calls Mike

23 Dotson.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Please stand and raise your

25 right hand.

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 1 (Mike Dotson sworn.)

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 4 BY MR. ROBERSON:

 5 Q. Would you please state your name and spell it

 6 for the record?

 7 A. Mike Dotson, M-i-k-e, D-o-t-s-o-n.

 8 Q. And who employs you?

 9 A. The Utilities and Transportation Commission.

10 Q. And in what capacity do you work for the

11 Commission?

12 A. Sorry. I work in licensing services.

13 Q. And --

14 A. I process the regulated company applications

15 that are come -- that come in.

16 Q. Can you describe any trainings or education that

17 you've had that enable you to carry out your duties?

18 A. I was trained by the prior employee that held my

19 position, my managers trained me, and lots of just

20 on-the-job training.

21 Q. And you're familiar with the rules and statutes

22 that govern the licensing of household goods movers?

23 A. Yes, I am.

24 Q. Okay. And you're familiar with Mr. Brewer's

25 application?

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 1 A. I am.

 2 Q. And you've heard Mr. Brewer testify today?

 3 A. Yes, I have.

 4 Q. And do you have any thoughts as to whether or

 5 not the Commission should grant an exemption to

 6 Mr. Brewer from the licensing requirements?

 7 A. Based on the nature of the conviction, whether

 8 it happened, whether he did it or not, it seems minimal

 9 enough that I would not want to stop him from getting

10 his permit.

11 Q. And you found no other red flags when you were

12 processing Mr. Brewer's application?

13 A. No, there did not seem to be a history of this

14 sort of crime.

15 MR. ROBERSON: I have no further questions.

16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

17 Do you have any questions for Mr. Dotson?

18 MR. BREWER: I'll have a lot of questions if

19 I get granted the permit on the rules and regulations.

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Does either

21 party have anything further before we go off the record?

22 MR. ROBERSON: No, Your Honor.

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thanks for coming

24 here today. I will -- I will issue an order within ten

25 days. We are off the record. Thank you.

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 1 (Adjourned at 9:47 a.m.)

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 8 certify that the foregoing transcript is true and

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