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In re Application of: Super Friends Moving L.L.C.

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 5 In re Application of: ) Docket TV-200518  
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 7 SUPER FRIENDS MOVING, LLC, )  
 8 For a permit to operate as a )  
 9 motor carrier of household )  
 goods. )  
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 12 Pages 1 through 25  
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 14 September 1, 2020  
 15 (Via Videoconference)  
 16 APPEARANCES  
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 18 Administrative Law Judge: SAMANTHA DOYLE  
 19 For the Staff of UTC: JEFF ROBERSON  
 20 Company Representative: JACOB RAICH  
 21 Also Appearing: JACQUE HAWKINS-JONES  
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 24 Reported By: JANICE L. TEGARDEN, CCR #2073  
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1 PROCEEDINGS  
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 3 THE COURT: Good morning. Today is Tuesday,  
 4 September 1, 2020, and the time is 9:30 a.m.  
 5 This is Docket TV-200518 which is captioned  
 6 In the matter of the Application of Super  
 7 Friends Moving, LLC, doing business as Super  
 8 Friends Moving, for a permit to operate as a  
 9 household goods carrier.  
 10 My name is Samantha Doyle, and I am the  
 11 Administrative Law Judge presiding over today's  
 12 brief adjudicative proceedings.  
 13 Let's take appearance from both parties and  
 14 then we will talk about how we're going to  
 15 proceed this morning.  
 16 Let's start with Commission Staff.  
 17 MR. ROBERSON: Good morning, Judge Doyle. My  
 18 name is Jeff Roberson, R-o-b-e-r-s-o-n. I'm an  
 19 Assistant Attorney General representing Staff.  
 20 With me at virtual counsel table is staff's  
 21 witness, Ms. Jacque Hawkins-Jones.  
 22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.  
 23 And for the Company, if you can state your  
 24 first and last name, spelling it for the court  
 25 reporter, and additionally provide your address,

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1 telephone number, and e-mail address, please.  
 2 MR. RAICH: Yes. My name is Jacob Raich,  
 3 that's J-a-c-o-b, last name is Raich, R-a-i-c-h.  
 4 I'm with Super Friends Moving.  
 5 I'm the owner/manager of the Company, and my  
 6 address at the place of business is 22426 72nd  
 7 Avenue South, Kent, Washington.  
 8 THE COURT: And your telephone number and  
 9 e-mail, please.  
 10 MR. RAICH: Telephone number is (206)  
 11 302-8833, e-mail address is jake, j-a-k-e, at  
 12 super friends moving dot com.  
 13 THE COURT: Great. Thank you.  
 14 I will just briefly provide a roadmap for  
 15 today's hearing. We are here today because the  
 16 Commission issued a notice of intent to deny the  
 17 Company's application for permanent authority as  
 18 a household carrier.  
 19 Mr. Raich requested a hearing to have an  
 20 opportunity to respond to the allegations  
 21 contained in the notice and explain why the  
 22 application should be approved.  
 23 So after Mr. Roberson gives a brief overview  
 24 of Staff's case, you can present your case,  
 25 Mr. Raich.

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1 MR. RAICH: Thank you.

2 THE COURT: You're welcome. Once all of the

3 witnesses have testified, both parties will have

4 the opportunity to make closing statements.

5 When I call on each party to testify, I will

6 swear you in with the oath of witness so that

7 anything you tell the Court will be under oath

8 and can be sworn testimony.

9 For the court reporter's benefit, please

10 speak slowly and clearly. Once you are sworn

11 in, you can present your testimony.

12 Do you have any questions before we proceed?

13 MR. RAICH: Not here.

14 MR. ROBERSON: I have one small point, Your

15 Honor. Staff has five exhibits.

16 I mailed those to you, Ms. Hawkins-Jones, and

17 Mr. Raich at the start of this hearing. I

18 wasn't sure how else to circulate them.

19 THE COURT: Sure. I received them.

20 Mr. Raich, have you received them as well?

21 MR. RAICH: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Great. Thank you, Mr. Roberson.

23 Mr. Roberson, you may also proceed with your

24 opening statement.

25 MR. ROBERSON: Not that long ago in the

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1 spring of 2020, Super Friends' public counsel

2 and Staff resolved the complaint filed against

3 Super Friends by Staff based on the company's

4 operating without a permit.

5 In that settlement Super Friends agreed to

6 cease advertising as a household goods carrier

7 offering to perform moves as a household goods

8 carrier, entering into agreement as a household

9 goods carrier, or performing moves as a

10 household goods carrier.

11 Sometime thereafter Super Friends filed for a

12 permit. After it did so, Staff discovered

13 advertisements from Super Friends and was able

14 to obtain a quote for household goods moves.

15 Staff believes that that evidence shows that

16 the Company is not fit to hold a household goods

17 carrier permit and recommends the Commission

18 deny the permit application.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 Mr. Raich, I will swear you in and we can --

21 you can present your testimony. If you could

22 please raise your right hand.

23 Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you

24 will give here today will be the whole truth and

25 nothing but the truth?

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1 MR. RAICH: Yes.

2 THE COURT: And, Mr. Raich, you may go ahead

3 when you're ready.

4 MR. RAICH: So during the application

5 process, you know, I feel like I completed all

6 the paperwork and had taken down my website as

7 requested by the UTC in order to obtain a permit

8 authority already.

9 So what's -- I think a couple days before we

10 were to get our permit authority I was notified

11 there was a request to deny the application.

12 I was hoping you -- what I'm hoping to

13 achieve from today is to figure out what exactly

14 caused the denial of the application.

15 THE COURT: So you're unclear about the

16 assertions in the notice made by Staff?

17 MR. RAICH: Correct.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Well, you'll have an

19 opportunity to ask questions when Staff makes

20 their testimony as well.

21 Was that it for your testimony, Mr. Raich?

22 MR. RAICH: Yes. Yes.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I'll go ahead

24 and swear in Ms. Hawkins-Jones and she can

25 proceed with her testimony.

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1 Ms. Hawkins-Jones, if would please raise your

2 right hand. Do you swear or affirm the

3 testimony you will give today will be the whole

4 truth and nothing but the truth?

5 MS. HAWKINS-JONES: I do.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 Go ahead, Mr. Roberson.

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9 EXAMINATION

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11 BY MR. ROBERSON:

12 **Q. Good morning. Would you please state your full name**

13 **and spell your last name for the record.**

14 A. Yes. Jackie Hawkins-Jones, last name H-a-w-k-i-n-s,

15 dash, J-o-n-e-s.

16 **Q. Who employes you?**

17 A. The Washington State Utilities and Transportation

18 Commission.

19 **Q. What position do you hold at the Commission?**

20 A. I'm a compliance investigator with the Consumer

21 Protection Division.

22 **Q. How long have you worked for the Commission as a**

23 **compliance investigator?**

24 A. I have been with the Commission as an investigator for

25 one year.

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<p>1 <b>Q. And what are your duties as a compliance investigator?</b></p> <p>2 A. I investigate the business practices of Commission-</p> <p>3 regulated utility and transportation companies,</p> <p>4 including household goods carriers who may be</p> <p>5 operating without a Commission-issued permit.</p> <p>6 <b>Q. Would you please provide a -- just a brief summary of</b></p> <p>7 <b>your educational background.</b></p> <p>8 A. Sure. I have an associates degree from Olympic</p> <p>9 College and have seven years experience as a certified</p> <p>10 investigator in the state of Washington.</p> <p>11 I've completed numerous trainings, including</p> <p>12 advanced courses in fraud.</p> <p>13 <b>Q. Are you familiar with a company called Super Friends</b></p> <p>14 <b>Moving, LLC?</b></p> <p>15 A. I am.</p> <p>16 <b>Q. How are you familiar with Super Friends?</b></p> <p>17 A. I was recently asked to conduct a review of the</p> <p>18 company.</p> <p>19 <b>Q. Would you please recap Super Friends' recent history</b></p> <p>20 <b>at the Commission?</b></p> <p>21 A. Sure. Recently Staff completed an investigation into</p> <p>22 complaints of the Company's not permitted status as a</p> <p>23 household goods carrier.</p> <p>24 <b>Q. And that was the investigation in 2019?</b></p> <p>25 A. Correct.</p>	<p>1 <b>Q. But then -- how do I put this? Did you look for</b></p> <p>2 <b>advertisements by the Company after it applied for a</b></p> <p>3 <b>permit?</b></p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. And where did you discover those advertisements?</b></p> <p>6 A. I discovered the advertisements on Thumbtack and Yelp.</p> <p>7 <b>Q. Did you also discover evidence that Super Friends was</b></p> <p>8 <b>continuing to conduct household goods moves after the</b></p> <p>9 <b>entry of the settlement?</b></p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 <b>Q. Where did you discover that evidence?</b></p> <p>12 A. Through Thumbtack.</p> <p>13 <b>Q. Did you discover evidence at any other website?</b></p> <p>14 A. Yes, we did discover through customer reviews on Yelp.</p> <p>15 <b>Q. Would you please turn to Exhibit JHJ-1.</b></p> <p>16 A. Okay, I'm there.</p> <p>17 <b>Q. Can you identify this document.</b></p> <p>18 A. Yes, this is a Thumbtack advertisement for Super</p> <p>19 Friends.</p> <p>20 <b>Q. Is that a true and accurate copy of the Thumbtack</b></p> <p>21 <b>advertisement posted by Super Friends that you found?</b></p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 MR. ROBERSON: At this point Staff would move</p> <p>24 to admit Exhibit JHJ-1.</p> <p>25 THE COURT: I will admit JHJ-1 into the</p>
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<p>1 <b>Q. And what happened as a result of that investigation?</b></p> <p>2 A. The Commission and the Company reached a settlement</p> <p>3 agreement which required Super Friends to pay a</p> <p>4 penalty and comply with a cease and desist order until</p> <p>5 it obtains a permit.</p> <p>6 MR. ROBERSON: Judge Doyle, at this point I</p> <p>7 stop and would ask that under WAC 480-07-</p> <p>8 495(2)(a)(1)(A) that you take official notice of</p> <p>9 orders (01) and (3) in Docket TV-190835.</p> <p>10 Order (01) is the Commission's complaint</p> <p>11 against Super Friends and Order (03) is the</p> <p>12 order approving that settlement resolving that</p> <p>13 complaint which incorporates the settlement as</p> <p>14 Appendix A.</p> <p>15 THE COURT: Noted. Thank you.</p> <p>16 <b>Q. (By Mr. Roberson) Did Super Friends subsequently</b></p> <p>17 <b>apply for a household goods carrier permit?</b></p> <p>18 A. Yes, they did.</p> <p>19 <b>Q. And did Staff find advertisements for the transport of</b></p> <p>20 <b>households goods posted by Super Friends after it</b></p> <p>21 <b>applied for a permit?</b></p> <p>22 A. Yes, we did.</p> <p>23 <b>Q. Were you the Staff member that was assigned to that</b></p> <p>24 <b>investigation?</b></p> <p>25 A. I was not assigned that investigation.</p>	<p>1 record. Thank you.</p> <p>2 (Staff Exhibit JHJ-1 was admitted.)</p> <p>3 <b>Q. (By Mr. Roberson) What services does Super Friends</b></p> <p>4 <b>advertise on the Thumbtack website -- or the Thumbtack</b></p> <p>5 <b>advertisement?</b></p> <p>6 A. They advertise a boutique moving company</p> <p>7 <b>Q. Would you please turn to Exhibit JHJ-2.</b></p> <p>8 A. Okay. I'm there.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. Will you please identify this document.</b></p> <p>10 A. Yes, this is the Super Friends Moving Yelp page.</p> <p>11 <b>Q. Is this a true and accurate copy of the Yelp</b></p> <p>12 <b>advertisement that you found?</b></p> <p>13 A. Yes, it is.</p> <p>14 MR. ROBERSON: The Staff would move to admit</p> <p>15 Exhibit JHJ-2.</p> <p>16 THE COURT: JHJ-2 is admitted into the</p> <p>17 record.</p> <p>18 (Staff Exhibit JHJ-2 was admitted.)</p> <p>19 <b>Q. (By Mr. Roberson) Has Super Friends claimed its Yelp</b></p> <p>20 <b>page?</b></p> <p>21 A. Yes, it has.</p> <p>22 <b>Q. And what does it mean that Super Friends has claimed</b></p> <p>23 <b>the page?</b></p> <p>24 A. It means that the owner or a company representative</p> <p>25 has completed the Yelp's verification process that</p>

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1 allows the Company to create a log-in so it can  
 2 respond to customers, update hours and service areas,  
 3 or insert photos and links to the company's Yelp page.  
 4 **Q. How does the Yelp page identify Super Friends?**  
 5 A. It identifies Super Friends as a mover, self storage.  
 6 **Q. Does the Yelp page contain a feature allowing**  
 7 **potential customers to obtain a quote for services**  
 8 **from Super Friends?**  
 9 A. Yes, it does.  
 10 **Q. And does the Yelp page state the number of persons who**  
 11 **have recently used that quote feature?**  
 12 A. Yes, it does. It says, "96 locals recently requested  
 13 a quote."  
 14 **Q. What does the Yelp page state is the average time it**  
 15 **takes Super Friends to respond to a request for a**  
 16 **quote?**  
 17 A. The average response time is 30 minutes.  
 18 **Q. Does the Yelp page indicate a service territory for**  
 19 **Super Friends?**  
 20 A. Yes, it does indicate a service territory.  
 21 **Q. And what is that territory?**  
 22 A. Hello?  
 23 **Q. You're back. I think we lost you. I'll just repeat**  
 24 **the question and you can answer it.**  
 25 **What is that territory?**

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1 A. The Seattle area.  
 2 **Q. Would you please turn to Exhibit JHJ-3.**  
 3 A. Okay, I'm there.  
 4 **Q. Would you please identify this document.**  
 5 A. This is the customer review section of Super Friends'  
 6 Yelp page.  
 7 **Q. Is it the Yelp page or is it --**  
 8 A. Did you say JHJ-3?  
 9 **Q. I did. I show that as the Thumbtack page.**  
 10 A. I'm sorry, mine indicates the Yelp.  
 11 **Q. Okay. That's fine. Is that a true and accurate copy**  
 12 **of the Yelp reviews, the Yelp page that you found?**  
 13 A. Yes, it is.  
 14 MR. ROBERSON: Staff would move to admit  
 15 Exhibit JHJ-3.  
 16 THE COURT: JHJ-3 is admitted.  
 17 (Staff Exhibit JHJ-3 was admitted.)  
 18 **Q. (By Mr. Roberson) And what services does the review**  
 19 **indicate that Super Friends performed?**  
 20 A. It indicates that it performs local moving.  
 21 **Q. Would you please turn to Exhibit JHJ-5.**  
 22 A. Okay, I'm there.  
 23 **Q. Will you please identify this document.**  
 24 A. Sure. This is a customer's review on Super Friends'  
 25 Yelp page.

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1 **Q. Is that a true and accurate copy of the Yelp reviews**  
 2 **that you found?**  
 3 A. Yes, it is.  
 4 MR. ROBERSON: Staff would move to admit  
 5 Exhibit JHJ-5.  
 6 THE COURT: JHJ-5 is admitted.  
 7 (Staff Exhibit JHJ-5 was admitted.)  
 8 **Q. (By Mr. Roberson) And what services does the review**  
 9 **indicate that Super Friends performed?**  
 10 A. It indicated that the Company performed a move for  
 11 this customer.  
 12 **Q. Did you attempt to get a quote for a move after**  
 13 **discovering Super Friends advertisements?**  
 14 A. Yes, I did.  
 15 **Q. And did you, in fact, obtain a quote from Super**  
 16 **Friends?**  
 17 A. Yes, I did.  
 18 **Q. What date did you obtain the quote?**  
 19 A. August 3, 2020.  
 20 **Q. And how did you obtain the quote?**  
 21 A. I submitted a request through Super Friends Thumbtack  
 22 page.  
 23 **Q. And what service did you ask Super Friends to provide**  
 24 **when you requested the quote?**  
 25 A. I asked them to provide a residential move.

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1 **Q. And where did you want that move performed?**  
 2 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat the question.  
 3 **Q. Sorry. Where did you want that move performed?**  
 4 A. In the Tacoma, Washington, area.  
 5 **Q. And what date did you want this move performed?**  
 6 A. August 31st at 10 a.m.  
 7 **Q. And what service did Super Friends offer to provide**  
 8 **when it responded with a quote?**  
 9 A. They offered to provide the move for me on the date  
 10 and time requested.  
 11 **Q. And did they specify what would be involved in the**  
 12 **move?**  
 13 A. They specified a three-person professional crew truck  
 14 and equipment would be able to provide my service.  
 15 **Q. Would you please turn to the exhibit marked as JHJ-4.**  
 16 A. I'm there.  
 17 **Q. Can you please identify this document.**  
 18 A. Yes, this is the quote that I received from Super  
 19 Friends.  
 20 **Q. Is that a true and accurate copy of the quote you**  
 21 **obtained from Super Friends?**  
 22 A. Yes, it is.  
 23 MR. ROBERSON: Staff would move to admit  
 24 Exhibit JHJ-4.  
 25 THE COURT: JHJ-4 is admitted into the

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1 record.  
 2 (Staff Exhibit No. JHJ-4 was admitted.)  
 3 MR. ROBERSON: And at this point Staff has no  
 4 further questions for Ms. Hawkins-Jones.  
 5 THE COURT: Thank you.  
 6 Mr. Raich, would you have any questions for  
 7 Ms. Hawkins-Jones?  
 8 MR. RAICH: Not at this time.  
 9 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Roberson, would you  
 10 like to give a closing statement?  
 11 MR. ROBERSON: On your permit an applicant  
 12 must be fit, that's RCW 81.80.075. Fitness  
 13 concerns an applicant's willingness and ability  
 14 to conform its comment to the public service  
 15 laws and the requirements, rules, and  
 16 regulations of the Commission.  
 17 That's the Commission's decision of the  
 18 application of River (phonetic) Distribution  
 19 Resources, Incorporated.  
 20 In terms of an applicant's willingness and  
 21 ability to conform to the rules, laws, and  
 22 orders of the Commission, the Commission  
 23 considers the applicant's compliance history one  
 24 of the best predictors thereof.  
 25 That's the Commission's decision and the

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1 application of RedLine Courier (phonetic),  
 2 Incorporated.  
 3 When looking whether or not an applicant can  
 4 overcome a negative compliance history, the  
 5 Commission considers whether the violations  
 6 repeated were flagrant, whether the applicant  
 7 promptly took corrective action, and whether the  
 8 applicant can now provide credible assurances of  
 9 future compliance.  
 10 That's also from the Commission's decision in  
 11 River Distribution.  
 12 The Commission has recently made clear that  
 13 the violation of a cease and desist order is the  
 14 type of flagrant conduct that justifies a  
 15 finding of unfitness, that's the Commission's  
 16 order in regard to the application of Dolly,  
 17 Inc.  
 18 Also, the Commission's order with regard to  
 19 Sea-Tac 24. The facts here show not that long  
 20 ago Super Friends settled a complaint for  
 21 operating unlawfully by vowing -- or promising  
 22 to comply with a previously entered cease and  
 23 desist order.  
 24 You just heard from Ms. Hawkins-Jones that  
 25 the Company is advertising. There's evidence

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1 that they're actually performing moves in the  
 2 form of customer reviews, and Ms. Hawkins-Jones  
 3 was able to obtain a quote for a household goods  
 4 move.  
 5 All of that shows violations of a cease and  
 6 desist order. It's the type of flagrant conduct  
 7 that justifies a finding of unfitness. Staff  
 8 asked the Commission to deny Super Friends'  
 9 application on fitness grounds.  
 10 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Roberson.  
 11 Mr. Raich, would you like to have a final  
 12 response to those factual allegations?  
 13 MR. RAICH: Yes, please.  
 14 In response to the exhibits, what is it we've  
 15 got, 1 through 5? We -- I guess in regards to  
 16 Thumbtack and Yelp, we've had -- we've been a  
 17 company for quite some time, and we -- through  
 18 those years we've collected a lot of reviews.  
 19 Reviews don't dictate when the service was  
 20 provided, orating; there will be some that come  
 21 in for a move that was conducted three years  
 22 ago. So I would like to make it clear that it  
 23 doesn't -- the date of a review does not -- not  
 24 dictate the date of the actual move taking  
 25 place.

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1 In regards to the Thumbtack quote, I was  
 2 under the assumption that -- I think Ms. Hawkins  
 3 requested a quote on the 3rd of August for a  
 4 move on August 31st.  
 5 Based on my communication with the UTC, we  
 6 anticipated that we would have received our  
 7 temporary authority to operate well before then,  
 8 so mistakenly we did provide a quote for a  
 9 service that was to take place on August 31st.  
 10 What else is there? As far as -- as far as  
 11 compliance in general, I've gone through the  
 12 safety compliance training. I've completed  
 13 several versions of the application, furnished  
 14 the information requested, and I've studied the  
 15 safety compliance manual that has been provided  
 16 to us by the UTC.  
 17 I've made plans to incorporate all of the  
 18 safety compliance forms used by the UTC into our  
 19 perspective operation so that we can operate as  
 20 a safe company in the eyes of the UTC and the  
 21 public.  
 22 And I without -- I guess without being given  
 23 the chance to show that, I was a little  
 24 surprised that we were denied our application to  
 25 do so.

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<p>1 I think we had discussed with the UTC that we</p> <p>2 would check in on a monthly basis, and at the</p> <p>3 time that we did receive authority, making sure</p> <p>4 that our company was operating as a safe</p> <p>5 household goods moving provider going into the</p> <p>6 future.</p> <p>7 And, so, yeah, I just wanted clarification on</p> <p>8 mainly why we were denied, which is -- and, of</p> <p>9 course, the exhibits were sent to me this</p> <p>10 morning so I did not receive these prior to.</p> <p>11 So this is good to know at this point what</p> <p>12 exactly is preventing our application from</p> <p>13 moving through.</p> <p>14 THE COURT: So, to be clear, Mr. Raich, when</p> <p>15 you made that quote, when you responded to</p> <p>16 Ms. Jones-Hawkins -- Ms. Hawkins-Jones' quote,</p> <p>17 you admit that you made that response under the</p> <p>18 assumption that you would have your permit by</p> <p>19 the time she requested.</p> <p>20 But you understand how that violated the</p> <p>21 order or are you saying --</p> <p>22 MR. RAICH: No, I understand in the eyes of</p> <p>23 having -- in the Commission's eyes I understand</p> <p>24 the violation would stem from us advertising</p> <p>25 for -- the advertising or quoting for a move in</p>	<p>1 permitted so that the Commission can monitor its</p> <p>2 operations, and; therefore, Staff would</p> <p>3 recommend granting the Company a provisional</p> <p>4 permit.</p> <p>5 However, Staff would like the Commission to</p> <p>6 make clear that it will deny the Company</p> <p>7 permanent authority until it pays the fines that</p> <p>8 it agreed to, the penalties agreed to, and the</p> <p>9 settlement agreement.</p> <p>10 They will pay as well whatever penalties the</p> <p>11 Commission imposes as a result of the Complaint</p> <p>12 the Staff will soon file based on the</p> <p>13 allegations that Mr. Raich effectively just</p> <p>14 admitted to, the violations at issue in this</p> <p>15 hearing.</p> <p>16 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Roberson.</p> <p>17 Before we adjourn I'd like to request that</p> <p>18 the parties waive the requirement to issue an</p> <p>19 order in ten days.</p> <p>20 I'd like to have the transcript available to</p> <p>21 me when I'm writing my decision and we usually</p> <p>22 receive the transcript within seven to ten days.</p> <p>23 I anticipate that I would issue an order</p> <p>24 within five business days from the date the</p> <p>25 transcript is received at the latest.</p>
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<p>1 a period of time where we're not supposed to be</p> <p>2 advertising or quoting for a move. So I do</p> <p>3 understand the violation there.</p> <p>4 But, yeah, I just wanted to make it known</p> <p>5 that we were under the assumption that by the</p> <p>6 end of August, yes, we would be -- it was</p> <p>7 assumed that we would have our authority to</p> <p>8 operate as a household goods carrier.</p> <p>9 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>10 Staff, would you like a short ten-minute</p> <p>11 recess in light of his testimony and potentially</p> <p>12 give a recommendation, if you can take that</p> <p>13 opportunity?</p> <p>14 MR. ROBERSON: I think that would be</p> <p>15 fruitful, Your Honor.</p> <p>16 THE COURT: Great. We will take a short</p> <p>17 ten-minute recess and be back on the record at</p> <p>18 10:10.</p> <p>19 (A ten-minute recess was taken at 10:00 a.m.)</p> <p>20 THE COURT: Has Staff come up with a</p> <p>21 recommendation at this time?</p> <p>22 MR. ROBERSON: Yes, I believe Staff would</p> <p>23 change its recommendation at this time.</p> <p>24 Staff believes it's probably in the public</p> <p>25 interest to have Mr. Raich and his company</p>	<p>1 Does either party have an objection to</p> <p>2 waiving the requirement?</p> <p>3 MR. ROBERSON: Staff has no objection.</p> <p>4 THE COURT: Mr. Raich, do you have any</p> <p>5 objection to that? Mr. Raich, are you still on</p> <p>6 the line?</p> <p>7 MR. ROBERSON: Judge Doyle, I think he might</p> <p>8 be having technical difficulties, his mic was</p> <p>9 muted. It unmuted when you asked him that</p> <p>10 question.</p> <p>11 He appears to be on the line, I think he's</p> <p>12 just having trouble talking.</p> <p>13 THE COURT: I see. Thank you.</p> <p>14 MR. RAICH: My apologies. I was muted. I</p> <p>15 have no objection to the Staff's recommendation.</p> <p>16 THE COURT: Great. Thank you. And does any</p> <p>17 party -- either party have anything further</p> <p>18 before we go off the record?</p> <p>19 MR. ROBERSON: Nothing from Staff.</p> <p>20 MR. RAICH: Nothing from Super Friends</p> <p>21 Moving.</p> <p>22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you all for</p> <p>23 participating here today. We are off the</p> <p>24 record.</p> <p>25 (The Hearing concluded at 10:15 a.m.)</p>

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