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| HEARING The Honorable Rayne Pearson Presiding August 8, 2023 TRANSCRIBED BY: Angela Dutenhoffer, CET | 8 9 10 |
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Page 5 Page 7 1 -000-1 A. I have had CVS A Level, A and B training; AIS training; 2 2 August 8, 2023 passenger vehicle inspection training. I think that it's 3 3 it. And ongoing training for rules and regulations. 4 THE COURT: All right. So I'm just going to briefly recap Q. Are you thus familiar with state and federal regulations 4 5 governing the safe operation of household goods carriers? 5 for the sake of the transcript that we did begin the hearing without recording. We took brief appearances from both 6 6 7 7 staff and the company. And we were just getting ready for Q. Are you familiar with a company called Miracle Man Movers, 8 staff's first witness to testify. I'm about to swear 8 LLC? 9 A. Yes. 9 Ms. Yeomans in. And staff will be testifying about the 10 10 safety recommendation at this point and what staff's Q. How did you become familiar with the company? 11 A. I -- the first time I become familiar was in 2021 when I did recommendation is with respect to the company's proposed 11 safety management plan. After that, the company will have 12 their initial compliance review -- or investigation. 12 an opportunity to respond. And then we'll conclude with 13 Q. Okay. Okay. And was that the only other compliance 13 14 investigation? 14 staff's penalty recommendation. 15 Ms. Jones, is there anything else I should add or do you 15 A. No. I did another one also in '22 and then the current one 16 16 think that captured it pretty well? 17 MS. JONES: I think that captured it, Your Honor. 17 Q. And when staff performs a review of a company's operations, 18 THE COURT: Okay. Great. All right. So I will go ahead 18 what does it do? 19 19 and swear in Ms. Yeomans. If you could raise your right A. We go in and we meet with the company. We request the 20 hand. 20 records to see if they are in compliance. We then verify if 21 Ms. Yeomans, do you swear or affirm the testimony that you there's any violations, and write up a report afterwards. 21 22 Q. When you review a carrier, do you review its records? 22 give today will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing 23 23 but the truth? A. Yes. 24 THE WITNESS: Yes. 24 Q. What type of records do you review? 25 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you very much. 25 A. Anything that verifies their powers of service. So that can Page 6 Page 8 Go ahead, Ms. Jones. 1 be bill of lading, time sheets, schedules, everything for 1 MS. JONES: Thank you. 2 their driver qualification files, driver's license, 2 3 3 applications, everything for that. And their vehicle 4 4 SANDRA YEOMANS: Witness herein, having first been maintenance, along with -- if they have drug and alcohol, we duly sworn on oath, was examined 5 do that. And there's also insurance that we cover. 5 and testified as follows: 6 Q. Did you review all of those types of records when performing 6 7 your review of Miracle Man Movers? 7 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION 8 A. Yes. Except for the drug and alcohol because they do not 9 BY MS. JONES: 9 have CDL drivers. 10 Q. Okay. When you finish a compliance review, do you produce a Q. Would you please state your name and spell your last name 10 11 report of your findings? 11 for the record. A. My name is Sandra Yeomans. Last name is Y-e-o-m-a-n-s. 12 12 A. Yes 13 Q. How are you employed? 13 Q. Do you produce those reports in the ordinary course of 14 A. I am a special investigator with Utilities and 14 15 A Yes 15 Transportation Commission. Q. And what are -- thank you. And what are your duties as a 16 Q. Why do you produce those reports? 16 17 17 A. That explains what records we receive, what violations were special investigator? 18 A. I perform compliance investigation, new entrant training, 18 given, and anything that happened during the time that we 19 19 destination inspections, household goods training, and were doing the inspection. 20 Q. Okay. And do you produce those reports contemporaneously 20 technical assistance, and then any other duties as assigned. 21 21 Q. And have you received any training or education that enable with the end of your review? 22 2.2 you to carry out your duties as a -- as a special 23 investigator? 23 Q. And is it important that your reports accurately reflect 24 A. Yes. 24 what you found in the course of your review? 25 Q. Would you please describe those? 25 A. Very much so, yes.

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| 1 2 | Q. Did you produce such a report when you completed your review | 1 2 | produced after that review? |
| | of Miracle Man Movers? | | A. Yes. |
| 3 | A. Yes. | 3 | MS. JONES: Okay. And, Your Honor, I'd like to move for |
| 4 | Q. Okay. Would you please turn to the exhibit that's marked | 4 | admission of Exhibit SY-2. |
| 5 | SY-1. | 5 | THE COURT: All right. Mr. Bullock, do you have any |
| 6 | A. Okay. | 6 | objection to that exhibit? |
| 7 | Q. Can you identify that? | 7 | MR. BULLOCK: Sorry. I was muted out. No, Your Honor. |
| 8 | A. This is my compliance review of Miracle Man Movers that was | 8 | THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. |
| 9 | closed on June 15th, 2023. | 9 | (Exhibit No. SY-2 admitted into evidence.) |
| 10 | Q. Okay. And did you make that report in the ordinary course | 10 | Q. (By Ms. Jones) Okay. And, Ms. Yeomans, can you turn to the |
| 11 | of business and contemporaneously with the end of your | 11 | exhibit marked SY-3. |
| 12 | review? | 12 | A. Yeah. That's the 8/11/22? |
| 13 | A. Yes. | 13 | Q. Correct. |
| 14 | Q. Did that report that you drafted accurately reflect what you | 14 | A. Okay. |
| 15 | found? | 15 | Q. Can you can you identify that document for the record? |
| 16 | A. Yes. | 16 | A. This is also a report after my compliance investigation with |
| 17 | Q. And is it a true and accurate copy of the report you | 17 | Miracle Man Movers that I closed with them on August 11th, |
| 18 | produced after completing your review of the company? | 18 | 2022. |
| 19 | A. Yes. | 19 | Q. Okay. And did you make that report in the ordinary course |
| 20 | MS. JONES: And, Your Honor, at this time I'd like to move | 20 | of business and contemporaneously with the end of your of |
| 21 | to admit Exhibit SY-1. | 21 | that review? |
| 22 | THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. | 22 | A. Yes, I did. |
| 23 | Mr. Bullock, do you have any objection to that? | 23 | Q. And is it a true and accurate copy of the report you |
| 24 | MR. BULLOCK: No, Your Honor. | 24 | produced after that review? |
| 25 | THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Then that is admitted. | 25 | A. Yes. |
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| 1 | Thanks. | 1 | MS. JONES: Okay. I'd like to move to admit SY-3. |
| 2 | (Exhibit No. SY-1 admitted into evidence.) | 2 | THE COURT: Thank you. |
| 3 | MS. JONES: Thank you. | 3 | Mr. Bullock, do you have any objection to that exhibit? |
| 4 | Q. (By Ms. Jones) And I'd like to like you to turn now to | 4 | MR. BULLOCK: No, Your Honor. |
| 5 | Exhibit SY-2. | 5 | THE COURT: Okay. Then it is admitted. |
| 6 | A. Okay. | 6 | (Exhibit No. SY-3 admitted into evidence.) |
| 7 | Q. Can you identify that document? | 7 | MS. JONES: Thank you. |
| 8 | A2? | 8 | Q. (By Ms. Jones) I'd like to turn now to discuss the |
| 9 | Q. Um-hum. | 9 | compliance review from your report, as described in SY-1. |
| 10 | A. Is that the August 11th, '22 2022 document? I didn't | 10 | When you review a household goods carrier, do you look to |
| 11 | have | 11 | see if it has performed criminal background checks on each |
| 12 | Q. I believe | 12 | of its employees? |
| 13 | A numbers on them. Sorry. | 13 | A. Yes. |
| 14 | Q. Oh. So SY-2 if the record could reflect that that was | 14 | Q. Okay. How do you do that? |
| 15 | the report dated February 22nd, 2021. | 15 | We get a list of all employees that they have had in the |
| 16 | A. Okay. Thank you. Yes, I have that. | 16 | last year and then ask for the reports that they ran from |
| 17 | Q. Okay. And is that can what is that document? | 17 | the company that gives all of their background. |
| 18 | A. This is the findings and the report written for Miracle Man | 18 | Q. Okay. When you conducted your review of Miracle Man Movers |
| 19 | Movers that I closed with them on February 22nd, 2021, which | 19 | in June of 2023, did you examine the company's records for |
| 20 | was their initial investigation with me. | 20 | these background checks? |
| 21 | Q. Okay. And is this report did you make this report in the | 21 | A. Yes. |
| 22 | ordinary course of business and contemporaneously with the | 22 | Q. Did the company have those records for all its employees? |
| 23 | end of that review? | 23 | A. No. |
| 24 | A. Yes. | 24 | Q. How many employees did Miracle Man fail to have those |
| 25 | Q. And is it a true and accurate copy of the report you | 25 | criminal background checks for? |

Page 13 Page 15 Q. Okay. Thank you. Turning now to requirements associated 1 A. They were four that were not pulled prior to hire. 1 2 2 Q. Okay. And is the failure to have the criminal background with leased vehicles. When you review a carrier's records, 3 3 checks a critical violation? do you look for copies of leases? 4 A. Yes. 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. And what are you looking for specifically? 5 Q. What does it mean that it's a critical violation? 6 6 A. That it's -- the violation is directly -- related directly A. They have to have an accurate lease record that says when 7 to the carrier's management of the company. 7 they leased the vehicle, start/end date, who is responsible 8 Q. Okay. Have you previously found Miracle Man in violation of 8 for the charges, and all those various other ones. I don't 9 9 their requirement to complete the background checks? have the full list in front of me. But they have to have a 10 10 lease explaining who is responsible for what; who signed it; 11 who's been -- how much -- when they're -- who is supposed to Q. When was -- when were the previous violations? 11 A. August of 2022. 12 be paid; who is the leaser; who is the lessee. I think I 12 13 13 Q. Okay. got them all. Q. Did you look for those copies of leases in your review of 14 A. That would be the SY-3. 14 15 Q. Okay. And was that -- were those previous violations 15 Miracle Man Movers? 16 16 associated with the prior case docket TV-220511? 17 17 Q. Did you find all the leases that you were looking for? 18 Q. Okay. All right. Turning to the issue of records of duty 18 Α. 19 status. When you review operational records of a carrier, 19 Q. How many were missing? 20 do you look for records of duty status? 20 A. 15. 21 Q. Have you previously found Miracle Man Movers in violation of 21 A. Yes. 22 their requirement to maintain the vehicle lease agreements? 22 Q. What is a record of duty status? A. Record of duty status is the time that a driver is on duty. 23 23 A Yes 24 Q. Did you look for records of duty status during your review 24 Q. And when were the previous violations? 25 of Miracle Man Movers? 25 A. August of '22 and February of '21. Page 14 Page 16 Q. Thank you. Okay. Turning now to road tests and 1 1 2 Q. Did you find any missing records of duty status in your --2 certifications. When you review a carrier's driver records, 3 in your review? 3 do you look to see if the carrier has performed a road test 4 4 for the driver or has been issued a certificate of the 5 Q. And how many records of duty status were missing in the 5 driver's road test? 6 records you examined? 6 A. Yes. They have to perform a road test and supply a 7 7 certificate. It's two parts. 8 Q. How do you calculate that 60 -- the 60 violations? 8 Q. Okay. Can you just explain what the road test is, what the 9 A. There is a violation for each day they don't have a record 9 certificate is attesting to? 10 of duty status. And so for two of the drivers, they were A. The road test is a graded test on how a driver performs when 10 11 incomplete, and that makes them that they don't have any. 11 driving the commercial motor vehicle. And the carrier, or 12 So for the -- we have a sample size that we get for 30 days. 12 whoever is qualified to do so, can give them passing or 13 And so of that 30 days, two of the drivers did not have true 13 failing. If they passed, then they are then issued a 14 and accurate records. 14 certificate that whoever gave the test is attesting to the 15 Q. Thank you. And does the Federal Motor Carrier Safety 15 fact that they can drive the vehicles that they own. 16 Administration consider the failure to have records of duty Q. Did you look for these records in your review of Miracle Man 16 17 status a critical violation? 17 Movers? 18 18 19 Q. Okay. And turning to past compliance -- compliance reviews 19 Q. And did Miracle Man perform the necessary road tests and 2.0 of Miracle Man Movers, have you previously found the company 20 have the necessary certificates for its drivers? 21 in violation of the requirement to have the records of duty 21 A. No. 22 status? 2.2 Q. How many drivers lacked the road test and certificate? 23 A. Yes. 23 24 Q. Okay. And when were those previous violations? 24 Q. Have you previously found Miracle Man in violation of this

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requirement regarding road tests and certificates?

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A. With the August '22 and also the February '21.

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Page 17 Page 19 1 A. Yes. In an August '22 report. 1 A. August of '22 report. 2 2 Q. Okay. When you review driver records, do you look to make Q. And are carriers required to inquire about a driver's record 3 3 sure a carrier's file for a driver includes a completed with the -- with licensing agencies? 4 4 employment application? A. Yes. 5 5 Q. Okay. And is this an annual -- is this requirement an 6 6 Q. What constitutes a completed employment application? annual review? 7 A. They have to have all information included in the 7 A. Yes. Oh, I think I might have messed up. There's two 8 application. If there is any blank spaces that they have 8 different ones. I think I was on the wrong one. So for the 9 9 not marked that is not applicable or put something in there performance history, they have to acquire one. The previous 10 10 that's considered an incomplete application. one was -- I get these confused. Sorry. That is for --11 11 Q. Did you look for completed applications when you reviewed when they're hired, they have to get a driver's abstract 12 Miracle Man Movers' records? 12 within 30 days of employment, either 30 days before or 30 13 A. Yes. 13 days after their hire date. And they did not have four of 14 Q. And did the company have them for all its drivers? 14 those reports that they needed. 15 15 Q. Okay. So you're referring to the investigation of the 16 driver's performance history with --16 Q. How many drivers were lacking a completed employment 17 application? I'm sorry. Did --17 18 A. Four. 18 Q. -- the Department of Transportation? 19 Q. Oh, thank you. 19 A. Right. Yeah. Sorry. I skipped ahead. 20 A. Four. 20 Q. Okay. All right. So let's just -- let's just go back a 21 little bit and clarify that. 21 Q. I didn't hear you. Thank you. 22 Have you previously found the company in violation of the 22 23 23 Q. So when you're reviewing a company's records, you're looking requirement to maintain completed employment applications? 24 A. Yes. August 22 and the February 21 reports. 24 to see if a carrier has investigated their driver's 25 Q. Turning now to the investigation of a driver's performance 25 performance history with Department of Transportation Page 18 Page 20 1 history. When you review a company's records, do you 1 related employers; is that right? 2 examine them to see if a carrier has investigated their 2 A. Correct. Um-hum. 3 Q. Okay. And you reviewed Miracle -- did you review Miracle 3 drivers' performance history with Department of 4 4 Transportation regulated employers? Man's records of the --5 5 6 Q. Can you explain what you're looking for when you're checking 6 Q. Okay. And were there any drivers that lacked that 7 7 investigation into their performance history? 8 A. What we're looking for is any driver that has been there 8 A. Four. 9 over a year. It requires that they have another driver's 9 Q. There were -- there were four drivers? 1.0 10 abstract pulled. And then it's a requirement to review that Four drivers. abstract and verify that the driver is still in compliance 11 Q. Okay. So now turning to the requirement regarding the 11 checking a driver's license with the licensing agency. Is 12 to be driving. 12 13 Q. When you reviewed Miracle Man's records, did you determine 13 that something -- is that something that you are required to 14 whether they had investigated their driver's performance 14 look for in your review? 15 history as required and as you explained? 15 A. With -- for the annual review? 16 16 Q. Yeah. So I'm talking now about the inquiry into a driver's 17 Q. Okay. And were there any records missing of this check? 17 record with licensing agencies. 18 A. Yes. One. 18 A. Okay. That is for -- that's the annual review, and, yes --19 Q. Okay. And so how many -- sorry. How many drivers did 19 Q. Okay. 2.0 20 A. -- you do need it. Miracle Man --A. There was only one that required it. They only had one 21 Q. Okay. And did you look to see whether Miracle Man had made 21 the annual reviews into the -- into driver's records with 22 22 driver that had been there for a year, and that one driver 23 did not have a -- have a new abstract after a year. 23 license agencies? Q. Okay. Thank you. And is this -- were there any previous 24 24 A. Yes. 25 violations from other reviews on this one? 25 Q. Did you find those for all the drivers?

Page 21 Page 23 1 A. There was only one that required it, and one was -- and that 1 driver qualification files? 2 2 one was missing. A. Yes. There was one not maintained. 3 Q. Okay. When you review a record -- the records of a carrier, 3 Q. So one was missing? 4 4 do you look to see whether the company is using drivers that A. Yeah. 5 are medically examined and certified? 5 Q. Okay. When you review a carrier's operations, do you look 6 6 to see if it has required or permitted drivers to drive 7 Q. What are you looking for regarding the medical examination 7 after having been on duty for more than 70 hours in 8 days? 8 and certification? 8 A. Yes. That's one thing we look for. 9 A. It's required that they have a valid medical certificate, a 9 Q. How do you -- how do you get that information from the 10 10 DOT medical certificate for each driver. And they need to 11 11 maintain that in their file for three years. So usually A. From their time sheets and bills of lading we determine when 12 that requires two medical certificates. 12 they've been driving, what days they drove, how long they 13 And when I look at those, I'm looking to see if there's 13 Q. Did you look to see if Miracle Man had any drivers that were 14 any lapses between one medical certificate or another, or if 14 15 a medical certificate has not been acquired at all. Because 15 allowed to drive over 70 hours in 8 consecutive days? it is required for any driver of a commercial motor vehicle 16 16 A. Yeah. Yes. 17 to have a DOT medical. 17 Q. And how many drivers did Miracle Man require permit to drive 18 Q. Did you determine whether Miracle Man Movers was using any 18 after having been on duty for that period of time: 70 hours drivers that were not medically examined and certified? 19 19 in 8 consecutive days? 20 20 A. It was one driver. Q. Okay. How many times did that occur where that driver Q. How many drivers lacked the medical examination and 21 21 22 certification? 22 exceeded that limit? 23 23 A. Fourteen times in a 30-day period. A One Q. Okay. Turning now to items now that are required to be 24 24 Q. Okay. Have you found -- have you previously found Miracle maintained in the driver's qualification file. Can you 25 25 Man in violation of this rule in previous compliance Page 22 Page 24 1 explain what a driver's qualification file is? 1 reviews? 2 A. A driver's qualification file is the collection of 2 A. Yes. August of '22 and February of '21 reports. 3 3 information to make sure that the driver is able and to --Q. Okay. All right. And when you review a carrier's 4 4 operations, do you look to see if it has obtained from its 5 5 Q. When you review driver's qualification files, do you look to drivers signed statements giving the total time on duty 6 see if the carriers maintained inquiries into the driver's 6 during the preceding seven days? 7 7 driving record? A. Yes. 8 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. And what are you looking for with these statements? 9 Q. Okay. And is that -- just for clarity, is that driving 9 A. When they hire a new employee or someone that works record called an abstract -- a driver abstract? 1.0 10 intermittently, maybe just, like, on weekends or on -- an A. A driver abstract, yeah. 11 on-call type of person, they need to know what they have 11 Q. Okay. And what are you looking for when you're checking for 12 12 been working prior to coming and working for them because 13 this? 13 any on-duty time, regardless of whether it's driving or not, 14 A. I am making sure that they have it within the 30 days of 14 needs to be considered in the 70 hours per week to make sure 15 15 that you don't have a fatigued driver. 16 Q. Did you review Miracle Man's driver qualification files for 16 Q. Did you look for those signed statements in Miracle Man's 17 inquiries -- those inquiries or those driver abstracts? 17 records? 18 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Were there any missing inquiries into the -- into the 19 Q. Did you find that the company had obtained all the necessary 2.0 driving record? 20 signed statements? 21 21 A. One. 22 Q. And how many drivers had failed to provide those statements? 22 Q. Do you also look to see whether a carrier has maintained 23 road test certificates in the qualification files? 23 24 A. Yeah. 24 Q. Okay. During the course of your compliance review, did the 25 Q. And did you look for road test certificates in Miracle Man's 25 company have any problems locating and presenting the

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| 1 | required information? | 1 | know, jobs that need to be done that were already set, and |
| 2 | A. At times, yes. | 2 | we didn't want to let customers down. You know, times, you |
| 3 | Q. Did the company appear to correct violations as they were | 3 | know, you want to get, you know, someone to be able to help |
| 4 | discovered? | 4 | the customer. And, you know, we did things that we you |
| 5 | A. Some they did. | 5 | know, we're in violation. I mean, I can't really I don't |
| 6 | MS. JONES: Okay. Thank you. I have no further | 6 | want to make any excuses. It's just that we got put into |
| 7 | questions. | 7 | some tough situations throughout the you know, the |
| 8 | THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. | 8 | last you know, since I've started this business. You |
| 9 | And, also, just for the record, I want to clarify that the | 9 | know, it's highly regulated. There's a lot to stick to. |
| 10 | other parties proceeding appearing on behalf of the | 10 | And I messed up. |
| 11 | company are Chris and Anna Bullock. | 11 | Anna may have something to say. She deals, you know, with |
| 12 | And in a moment, Mr. Bullock, I'll ask you if you have any | 12 | this stuff, as well. |
| 13 | questions for Ms. Yeomans. I did have oh, I have a | 13 | Do you have anything you want to say? |
| 14 | question for you, Ms. Yeomans. | 14 | MS. BULLOCK: Do I need to be sworn in? |
| 15 | What is the 61st day that we're up against right now? | 15 | THE WITNESS: She's asking does she need to be sworn in. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: The six I don't know. Jason would know | 16 | THE COURT: Yes. |
| 17 | that. | 17 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 18 | THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Sharp, do you know the answer to | 18 | THE COURT: All right. If you could just raise your right |
| 19 | that question? | 19 | hand. |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: He says August 15th. | 20 | Do you swear or affirm the testimony you give today will |
| 21 | MR. SHARP: August 15th. | 21 | be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? |
| 22 | THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. | 22 | MS. BULLOCK: I do. |
| 23 | All right. And, Mr. Bullock, did you have any questions | 23 | THE COURT: Okay. |
| 24 | for Ms. Yeomans? | 24 | /// |
| 25 | MR. BULLOCK: No, Your Honor. | 25 | /// /// |
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| 1 | Ms. Yeomans. She has been very pleasant to work with. | 1 | I do not have and I concur with that. |
| 2 | She's been on our site. We've enjoyed her. | 2 | On number 6, I looked up Rayon Rayon Dayton is the same |
| 3 | However, on some items, I tend to have an issue with them. | 3 | person in that one, and the problem with him is he came from |
| 4 | I want to go by them. I'm not as good as an attorney, like | 4 | a different state, and I kept submitting the paperwork, but |
| 5 | Ms. Jones, but I would like to just comment on a couple. I | 5 | I never got a response. So I have that. |
| 6 | don't necessarily disagree with the report. But there are | 6 | Number this report is two pages, so it's hard. I'm on |
| 7 | some clarifications I'd just like to make, if it's okay. | 7 | number 8, use a driver not medically examined. I agree with |
| 8 | THE COURT: Sure. Go ahead. | 8 | that. But I have sent in the last reported process that I |
| 9 | MS. BULLOCK: I will go I can only go by the reports, | 9 | would review medical cards and I would review driver's |
| 10 | the Part B violations. And I'm starting on Page 3, I | 10 | license abstract every year in July. That was agreed on in |
| 11 | believe, of the report SY-1. | 11 | the last one. This audit was done prior to July, and I |
| 12 | And the first one there appears to be we had a | 12 | missed it because I'm waiting for July. But everybody is |
| 13 | background check for every person. And it's alleged that we | 13 | ran in July, and that was part of the safety plan that was |
| 14 | only they discovered four out of 25 they checked. So we | 14 | accepted in the last review. |
| 15 | had four violations. | 15 | Number 9, driving record, driver qualification files, I |
| 16 | The person on here Niky Dayton (phonetic) had a | 16 | admit to that. That wasn't done. I thought it was a year. |
| 17 | background check and it was done previous to his employment. | 17 | It was within 30 days. He came in. I think I was not here, |
| 18 | It was so long getting, he kept calling to try to get here. | 18 | so they put him to work. |
| 19 | So I did have those dates until the report that I tried or | 19 | And the last response I have is on number 11, which is our |
| 20 | attempted to submit to Jason yesterday. And so he reviewed | 20 | driver 14 out of 150. I will say there's no excuse for the |
| 21 | that, responded to us this morning. | 21 | candidate that's in here are the employee that's in the |
| 22 | Robert Allinger (phonetic) and I don't know if I can | 22 | report driving as many hours as he has during this period. |
| 23 | put names on the record, but they're in my report. | 23 | However, with Covid and people not working, I assume |
| 24 | The second one, number two, record duty of status, I agree | 24 | dispatch just assigned him, even though he knew the rule. I |
| 25 | with that 100 percent. I looked at it when Ms. Sandy was | 25 | just think he did it to take care of the customer. |
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Page 33 Page 35 Okay. So are you going to have Mr. Sharp testify with A. Almost seven years. 1 1 2 respect to the penalty? 2 Q. What are your duties as motor carrier safety supervisor? 3 MS. JONES: Yes, Your Honor. 3 A. In my role as supervisor, I review investigators' reports. THE COURT: Is that your plan? Okay. Then I will -- I 4 4 I issue recommendations that are consistent with federal and 5 5 have a question that I'd like to start off with before you state regulations and the commissions enforcement policy as 6 begin your direct examination, if that's okay. 6 a result of the findings in those reports. Yeah. 7 MS. JONES: Yes, Your Honor. 7 Q. Have you had any training to enable you to carry out your 8 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Sharp, if you -- there you are. 8 duties? 9 9 Okay. If you'll raise your right hand, I'll swear you in. A. Yes. Prior to becoming supervisor, I was a motor carrier 10 Do you swear or affirm the testimony you give today will 10 safety investigator receiving federal training through the be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? 11 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for conducting 11 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 12 compliance investigations, as well as the Commercial Vehicle 13 13 Safety Alliance to perform commercial motor vehicle 14 JASON SHARP: Witness herein, having first been 14 inspections. 15 duly sworn on oath, was examined 15 Q. So are you familiar with the state and federal rules and testified as follows: governing operation of motor carriers of household goods? 16 16 17 17 18 THE COURT: Okay. You can probably anticipate my 18 Q. Are you familiar with Miracle Man Movers, LLC? 19 question. It's my usual inquiry about whether you believe 19 A. Yes, I am. 20 that the company, with the state that the proposed safety 20 Q. How did you become familiar with the company? 21 A. I provided recommendations, and during the -- all three of 21 management plan is in now and the assistance you've been 22 22 giving them, if you think it's realistic that they can get the investigation reports that are submitted as evidence. 23 23 it where it needs to be before the 15th of August. And I also provided recommendations for follow-on action, 24 Oh, I can't hear you. I don't know what's going on with 24 and performed evaluations of the company's three safety 25 your audio. You're not muted, but I can't hear you. 25 management plans, as a result. Page 34 Page 36 1 THE WITNESS: Can you hear me now? 1 Q. Did you review the report drafted by special investigator 2 Yeomans' -- after her review? And that's the exhibit marked 2 THE COURT: Yes. SY-1 3 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry. My speakers just out of 3 4 nowhere went mute and it affected everything. So really 4 A. Yes I did. 5 what I was hearing you saying before my speaker was muted is 5 Q. Do staff use the results of the compliance review to do I believe that the company can get an acceptable plan 6 calculate a proposed safety rating for the company? 6 7 7 prior to the cancellation date. And the answer would be no. A. Yes. The commission adopts the federal regulations, and 8 At this -- at this point, no. And the reason being is I'm 8 specifically in Title 49 CFR Part 385, breaks down the 9 the one to review those. Their 60-day period expires next 9 safety fitness standards. So we, as the State, adopted that Monday, so the 61st day would be August 15th. And I am on 10 rating methodology. And that methodology was used in this 10 11 11 leave from August 9th until the 22nd, so I made the company case. It is -- it is -- the safety rating is generated 12 aware of this, so they understand that today was the day to 12 based on negative points. So each point the company gets 13 have it ready to go. 13 for acute or critical violations or a high accident rate 14 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Go ahead, Ms. Jones. 14 will adversely affect the company's safety rating. And so MS. JONES: Thank you, Your Honor. 15 15 we use that same methodology here. It's broken down by six 16 16 separate factors. DIRECT EXAMINATION 17 17 In this case, if we look at SY-1 on Page 17, it is the 18 BY MS. JONES: 18 safety fitness rating explanation. And the two critical Q. Okay. Just for the record, would you please state your name 19 19 violations that were identified per 392.2, which is the 20 and spell your last name. 20 federal code for WAC 480-15-555 for the criminal background 21 A. Yes. My name is Jason Sharp, S-h-a-r-p. 21 checks, as well as 395.8(a)(1) for failing to have a record 2.2 22 Q. How are you employed? of duty status, those adversely affected the company's 23 A. I am the motor carrier safety supervisor with the Washington 23 factor 3 for operational and driving, creating one 24 Utilities and Transportation Commission. 24 unsatisfactory factor. 25 Q. How long have you worked for the commission? 25 And then if we went to Page 18, there's a formula

Page 37 Page 39 1 Q. And did you review the plan? 1 calculation table that would show that one unsatisfactory 2 2 factor would provide an overall safety rating of A. I did. 3 3 Q. Is the plan - does staff consider the plan satisfactory? conditional, which was a sign proposed at the result of this 4 A. No. Staff cannot accept the plan as it fails to meet all 4 investigation. Q. Okay. So the proposed safety rating for Miracle Man Movers 5 the requirements of the safety management plan. 5 6 6 was conditional; is that correct? Q. What do you recommend the commission do with Miracle Man's 7 A. Correct. 7 safety rating? 8 Q. Okay. Can a carrier improve its proposed safety rating 8 A. I would recommend that the commission allow the conditional 9 9 after receiving a conditional rating? safety rating to become permanent and cancel the company's 10 10 A. Yes. The carrier has the opportunity to request an upgrade provisional period -- or provisional permit. 11 to their safety rating, and that is done by submitting a Q. I'd like to turn now to discuss any penalties that you may 11 safety management plan. 12 recommend regarding Miracle Man Movers. Does staff have any 12 13 recommendation about whether the commission should assess 13 Q. What is a safety management plan? 14 A. A safety management plan is a response to violations that 14 penalties against the company for violations that were 15 are identified during a compliance investigation. They have 15 documented by Special Investigator Yeomans in the current 16 case, TV-230503? 16 to meet certain factors for staff to be -- to accept the 17 plan. It would entail the company acknowledging the 17 A. Yes. Staff has a -- is complaining for violations. We 18 violations, stating why the violations were allowed to 18 looked at it from an overall accumulation of the company's 19 occur, demonstrating if the violations have been corrected. 19 safety performance consistent with escalated enforcement in 20 20 our enforcement policy. And we have also recommended that With that demonstration, they would provide actual 21 the suspended penalty of \$5,000 in docket TV-220511 be 2.1 documentation to back that up, as well as outline steps or 22 imposed as we found that the company had repeat critical 22 processes that the company has implemented to ensure that 23 violations from the August 2022 investigation -- I believe 23 those violations were not going to reoccur in the future. 24 Q. Okay. So I just want to turn for a moment to -- you 24 that was SY-3 -- for a total penalty of the 5,000 imposed, 25 mentioned prior compliance reviews that you -- that you 25 as well as 48,500 in new penalties. And I can break that Page 38 Page 40 1 reviewed. How many prior compliance reviews did you review 1 down. 2 for this company, did you say? 2 Q. Thank you. Yes. Let's do that. 3 A. There's been a total of three. And they were all three the 3 A. Okay. So, for starters, the company was found to have four 4 Exhibits SY-1 through 3. 4 critical violations of WAC 480-15-555 for failure to 5 Q. Okay. And was the company subject to safety management 5 complete a criminal background check on four employees it 6 plans as a result of the prior two reviews? 6 intended to hire. Staff recommends a \$500 per occurrence 7 7 A. Yes, they were. penalty for a total of \$2,000. 8 Q. Okay. And in the current -- in the current review that 8 Staff identified 15 violations of Washington 9 we're talking about, were there -- were there violations in 9 Administrative Code 480-15-590 for failure to meet all 1.0 this current case which were addressed in previous safety 10 conditions for leasing vehicles. Staff recommends a \$100 11 11 management plans? per occurrence -- per occurrence of violation for a total of 12 12 1,500, as this was a repeat violation from both the August I can't hear you. 13 A. Sorry. I'm having a technical issue with my speaker that is 13 2022 and February 2021 investigation report. 14 randomly muting and taking out the sound. Could you repeat 14 Staff further recommends a \$100 penalty for a repeat 15 15 violation of 391.11(b)(7) for using a driver who has not that question? 16 Q. Yeah. My question is: Are there violations as part of the taken a road test and acquired a certificate of completion. 16 17 current case -- this most recent -- most recent compliance Next, for the four violations of 49 CFR 391.21(a), for 17 18 review? Are there violations that were addressed in any of 18 using a driver who has not completed and furnished an 19 the previous safety management plans? 19 employment application -- this is a repeat, again, from the 2.0 A. Yes. This third -- this most recent report had several 20 August 2022 and February 2021 compliance investigation. 21 repeat violations. 21 Staff recommends a penalty of \$100 per occurrence for a 22 2.2 Q. Okay. And then, you know, turning to the current case, the total of \$400. 23 most recent review. Did Miracle Man Movers submit a safety 23 Next, there were four violations of 49 CFR 391.23(a)(2) 24 management plan regarding this most current review? 24 for failure to investigate a driver's performance history 25 A. Yes, they did. 25 with the Department of Transportation regulated employer.

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| 1 | That is a repeat violation for the August 2022 compliance | 1 | two years, staff would recommend that the commission suspend |
| 2 | investigation. Staff recommends a \$100 per category penalty | 2 | half of the recommended penalty of 53,800, which equates to |
| 3 | for this repeat these repeat violations. | 3 | 26,900, for the remainder of that two-year period, subject |
| 4 | Next, there were three occurrences of violations on 49 CFR | 4 | to the company not receiving any repeat violations of |
| 5 | 391.45(a) for using a driver not medically examined and | 5 | critical regulations during that time frame. |
| 6 | certified. Staff recommends that the commission issue a | 6 | And then staff would also recommend that the company would |
| 7 | \$100 per occurrence penalty for these critical-type | 7 | be required to pay the other half, the 26,900 in penalties |
| 8 | violations for \$300. | 8 | that is not suspended, as well as any other balances, |
| 9 | For the now, this next one is one that staff feels was | 9 | penalties in full or as part of a payment plan that would be |
| 10 | within the company's control to ultimately avoid having | 10 | agreed upon at that time with staff at that time of |
| 11 | happen for the third consecutive investigation. And this | 11 | reinstatement. |
| 12 | was related to the 14 violations of 49 CFR 395.3(b)(2) for | 12 | We make that recommendation understanding that this is a |
| 13 | permitting a property carrying commercial motor vehicle | 13 | small business. We don't take the amount lightly. We |
| 14 | driver to drive after having been on duty for 70 hours in | 14 | also we also want to encourage the company's future |
| 15 | eight consecutive days. | 15 | compliance, should they come back into the into |
| 16 | Again, this is repeat from the 2022 and 2021 | 16 | regulation with us, and feel a penalty of that size would |
| 17 | investigation. Staff recommends the maximum penalty per | 17 | provide the motivation to follow through with their safety |
| 18 | occurrence of \$1,000 for these critical-type violations for | 18 | plans, as they are approved by staff, and keep their systems |
| 19 | a total of \$14,000. | 19 | in place so that they can be successful and achieve a |
| 20 | Next is 60 critical violations of 395.8(a)(1) for failing | 20 | satisfactory rating. |
| 21 | to require drivers to make a record of duty status. Staff | 21 | MS. JONES: Thank you. I have no further questions. |
| 22 | recommends a penalty of \$500 per occurrence of this | 22 | THE COURT: Thank you. |
| 23 | violation for a total of \$30,000. This is, again, a repeat | 23 | Mr. Bullock, do you have any questions for Mr. Sharp? |
| 24 | from both the August 2022 and February 2021 compliance | 24 | MR. BULLOCK: No, ma'am. |
| 25 | investigation. | 25 | THE COURT: Okay. All right. Ms. Jones, do you have |
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| 1 | And, finally, staff recommends one \$100 penalty for one | 1 | |
| 2 | | 2 | anything further? MS. JONES: Nothing further from staff, Your Honor. |
| 3 | repeat violation of 395.8(j)(2) for failing to obtain from a driver use for the first time or intermittently, a signed | 3 | THE COURT: All right. Mr. Sharp, can I ask that you send |
| 4 | statement giving the total time on duty during the preceding | 4 | me your recommendation in writing? I can't hear you. |
| 5 | seven days. | 5 | MR. SHARP: Sorry. Yes, I can have my recommendation. |
| 6 | So that breakdown comes out to 48,500 in new penalties | 6 | Would you like that submitted to the docket? I can have |
| 7 | staff is recommending. | 7 | that to you before the end of the day. |
| 8 | Q. And that was in addition to the suspended penalty from the | 8 | THE COURT: Yeah, that would be great if you can email me |
| 9 | previous case, 220511, that docket? | 9 | a copy. |
| 10 | A. Yes. | 10 | MR. SHARP: Absolutely. |
| 11 | Q. Okay. | 11 | THE COURT: All right. Okay. Is there anything else that |
| 12 | A. And staff has further if I may connection between our | 12 | we need to address while we're here today? |
| 13 | recommendation for the cancellation of the permit and how it | 13 | MR. BULLOCK: Oh, I did want to just read a statement, if |
| 14 | relates to the penalties. Because the company has not | 14 | I get a chance. |
| 15 | submitted an acceptable plan, as I've already mentioned, | 15 | THE COURT: Okay. Sure. |
| 16 | staff would recommend that the commission continue on with | 16 | MR. BULLOCK: And I apologize. The wind the wind is |
| 17 | the cancellation process. | 17 | out of me a little bit, but I understand. And the only |
| 18 | In that case, if the company is cancelled, staff would | 18 | reason why I wrote it was just because I wanted to, you |
| 19 | recommend that the entire penalty be suspended for two years | 19 | know, be as I didn't want to forget anything and I wanted |
| 20 | and then waived subject to conditions that Miracle Man | 20 | to be as sincere as possible. |
| 21 | Movers refrain from operating as a household goods carrier, | 21 | So it just says: First of all, I do want to say thank you |
| 22 | unless and until the company obtains from the commission the | 22 | to the staff at the UTC for their diligence and their and |
| 23 | permit required to conduct household goods operations. | 23 | this is weird. I'm good. Just give me a sec. Give me a |
| 24 | And then in the event that Miracle Man Movers applies for | 24 | second, please. |
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| 25 | and obtains a household goods carrier permit within the next | 25 | And the only reason why I think I feel like this is |

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| 1 | because I have tried to put my heart into building this | 1 | average service and don't really care. But we truly do care |
| 2 | business. But I understand that they're just doing what | 2 | and we truly we truly we try to provide an exemplary |
| 3 | they need to do, you know. And, I mean, it's right. | 3 | service. |
| 4 | Anyhow, for the diligence and the willingness to try to | 4 | We have repeat customers that have already scheduled their |
| 5 | help us succeed. We fully acknowledge that we have had a | 5 | moves with us in the near future because they love our |
| 6 | tough time working to create processes that would allow us | 6 | services and know that we will treat them with respect and |
| 7 | to be fully compliant. | 7 | care. And to have to cancel them their jobs will really |
| 8 | Over the last couple of audits, we have made some | 8 | hurt. |
| 9 | incremental improvements, but just haven't quite been able | 9 | With that said, I do understand staff's recommendations |
| 10 | to hit the mark. | 10 | and that in most cases, it is the recommendation that you |
| 11 | To tell you a little bit about myself, my goal is and | 11 | favor. |
| 12 | always will be to provide our community with great service. | 12 | I am asking for one last extension for 14 days. I will |
| 13 | And I don't like to let people down, if at all avoidable. | 13 | work tirelessly to construct a safety plan that will more |
| 14 | When I started this company, I started thinking you could | 14 | clearly outline the processes we are implementing to ensure |
| 15 | get just a truck and start moving people, and quickly found | 15 | compliance. I will attach pictures of the process and |
| 16 | out that this is highly regulated industry with a lot of | 16 | copies of the forms we'll be using, along with the |
| 17 | requirements that we needed to understand. | 17 | individual names we have put in place to make sure the |
| 18 | We attended numerous UTC training sessions and slowly | 18 | processes don't fail and that we don't fail if you give us |
| 19 | started to do to more clearly understand how things | 19 | this last opportunity. |
| 20 | needed to operate. We have tried to implement numerous | 20 | It is my understanding that Mr. Jason will be out until |
| 21 | standard operating procedures along the way to find out that | 21 | the 22nd 22nd of this month and that's the reason why |
| 22 | even when your intentions are pure and you try to implement | 22 | we're not getting the full, you know, 61 days. And, |
| 23 | systems, if people aren't enforcing them consistently or | 23 | interestingly enough, that's about 14 days out. If you |
| 24 | sticking to them, things can fall apart. | 24 | grant us this one-time permission, I will make sure to have |
| 25 | We are in a place now where our ability to continue to | 25 | a safety plan on Mr. Jason's desk on the day he returns. |
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| 1 | provide local household goods moving services is in | 1 | Thank you for taking time to listen, and I hope you will |
| 2 | jeopardy. | 2 | allow for this extension. Thank you, again. That's it. |
| 3 | Every day I come to work it weighs on me that the | 3 | THE COURT: All right. Does staff want to respond to |
| 4 | livelihood of each individual that works here is on my | 4 | that? |
| 5 | shoulders. And the idea of having to, you know, let all my | 5 | MS. JONES: No, Your Honor. Thank you. |
| 6 | employees go because I failed to clearly understand and | 6 | THE COURT: And just give me one minute. I'm looking at |
| 7 | implement the right processes is scary. | 7 | the complaint. |
| 8 | We have worked very hard to build a reputation our | 8 | So it does look to me, Mr. Sharp, that this is the |
| 9 | community as a company that has integrity; that cares; and | 9 | proposed conditional safety rating, not a proposed |
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| 10 | that will provide a very good service. That's how we | 10 | unsatisfactory, right? Is that correct? I can't hear you |
| 10 11 | that will provide a very good service. That's how we obtained, you know, a 4.6 rating with over 350 reviews on | 10 | unsatisfactory, right? Is that correct? I can't hear you if you're talking. |
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| 1 | And so with the way that provisional household goods | 1 | THE COURT: Sure. With the understanding that it will be |
| 2 | companies are regulated, they are required within an | 2 | waiting for you when you get back to the office on the 22nd? |
| 3 | 18-month period to achieve a satisfactory rating. The | 3 | MR. SHARP: Correct. |
| 4 | company has had two previous extensions of their | 4 | THE COURT: Okay. All right. That makes sense to me. So |
| 5 | provisional, paired with the acceptance of safety management | 5 | what we'll do, then, Mr. Bullock, is you'll have an |
| 6 | plans. | 6 | opportunity to make the corrections that staff has most |
| 7 | In this case, we don't have an acceptable safety | 7 | likely already provided you feedback with respect to what |
| 8 | management plan, and, therefore, we've treated conditional | 8 | needs to change. That way, you'll still get your full time |
| 9 | ratings as unsatisfactory because they've failed to meet | 9 | that all other companies are afforded in these situations |
| 10 | that requirement. But the regulation where that comes from | 10 | where there's 61 days. |
| 11 | would be 385.13. | 11 | And rather than assigning it to a different staff person, |
| 12 | THE COURT: Okay. But my point is that this is not an | 12 | we'll just extend the time period so that Mr. Sharp can be |
| 13 | unsatisfactory safety rating. So it's you're using that | 13 | the one to review the safety management plan when he gets |
| 14 | as the as the time frame, but it doesn't actually legally | 14 | back from leave. And then he will let me know within a |
| 15 | apply. | 15 | couple of days, and we will do you want an extension for |
| 16 | MR. SHARP: Correct. We've given companies who achieve a | 16 | you until the 25th, Mr. Sharp? |
| 17 | conditional rating the same opportunity to request an | 17 | MR. SHARP: Yes. If the plan was available for me when I |
| 18 | upgrade as a company that achieves an or that has a | 18 | got back on the 22nd, that would provide me enough time to |
| 19 | proposed unsatisfactory rating. | 19 | give it a thorough review. |
| 20 | THE COURT: Sure. I understand that. But there's no | 20 | THE COURT: Okay. So that would would you be providing |
| 21 | federal rule binding the commission to cancel it on the 61st | 21 | me with a recommendation by the end of the day on the 25th? |
| 22 | day is my point. | 22 | MR. SHARP: Yes. |
| 23 | So what I'm not comfortable with is not giving this | 23 | THE COURT: Okay. So we'll extend, then, the order date |
| 24 | company the same opportunity that we give other companies | 24 | until August 30th to give me time to review your |
| 25 | just because you will be out of the office. Because many | 25 | recommendation and draft an order based on that |
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| 1 | times we have given companies up until that close to the | 1 | recommendation. Okay? Does that make sense? Does anyone |
| 2 | 61st day to continue working with staff. | 2 | have any questions about that? |
| 3 | So you need to appoint someone who can work with the | 3 | MR. SHARP: No questions. |
| 4 | company in your absence so that they get the same | 4 | THE COURT: Mr. Bullook do you understand? |
| 5 | opportunity and due process that other companies are | | THE COURT: Mr. Bullock, do you understand? |
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| 7 | afforded. MR. SHARP: Okay. | 6 7 | MR. BULLOCK: No, Your Honor. Or I thank you for giving me the opportunity. Mr. Jason, I will make sure that it's on your desk by the |
| 7 8 | afforded. MR. SHARP: Okay. THE COURT: So who would that person be? | 6 7 8 | MR. BULLOCK: No, Your Honor. Or I thank you for giving me the opportunity. Mr. Jason, I will make sure that it's on your desk by the 22nd. And hopefully it will be everything that it's |
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