

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the matter of the cancellation of)
motor freight carrier permit CC-60885) DOCKET TV-143840
held by)
) ORDER 01
R & B MERRILL LLC, d/b/a)
ROUSE’S TOWING & RECOVERY,) ORDER CANCELLING PERMIT
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for failure to file proof of liability and)
property damage insurance covering)
equipment.)
.....)

BACKGROUND

- 1 Motor freight carriers operating in the state of Washington, subject to regulation by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) must file and maintain proof of liability and property damage insurance.
- 2 On October 7, 2014, the Commission notified R & B Merrill LLC, d/b/a Rouse’s Towing & Recovery, (Rouse’s Towing & Recovery or Company) by letter that its permit to operate as a motor freight carrier in Washington would be cancelled if acceptable proof of insurance is not filed by November 7, 2014. The Commission also informed Rouse’s Towing & Recovery of its right to contest cancellation of the permit by requesting a hearing within 10 days of the notice.

DISCUSSION

- 3 The Commission has not received proof of insurance, and the Company has not requested a hearing. The Commission is authorized by WAC 480-14-230(3)(d) to cancel a motor freight carrier’s permit for failure to file and maintain proof of insurance. Permit CC-60885 should be cancelled. To reinstate the permit, Rouse’s Towing & Recovery would need to submit an application for reinstatement, pay the reinstatement fee, and file acceptable proof of insurance (Form E).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to regulate motor freight carriers as defined in RCW 81.80.
- 5 (2) Rouse's Towing & Recovery is a motor freight carrier operating in Washington under permit CC-60885.
- 6 (3) On October 7, 2014, the Commission received notice of insurance cancellation related to Rouse's Towing & Recovery effective November 7, 2014. The Commission notified the company that if a Form E insurance certificate was not received by the cancellation date, its permit would be cancelled.
- 7 (4) The Commission is authorized by WAC 480-14-230(3)(d) to cancel a motor freight carrier's permit for failure to file and maintain proof of insurance.
- 8 (5) The Commission should cancel Rouse's Towing & Recovery's motor freight carrier's permit for failure to file and maintain proof of insurance.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) Permit CC-60885 held by R & B Merrill LLC, d/b/a Rouse's Towing & Recovery, is cancelled as of November 7, 2014.
- 10 (2) R & B Merrill LLC, d/b/a Rouse's Towing & Recovery, is directed to **cease** all operations associated with permit CC-60885.
- 11 The Commission has delegated authority to the Secretary, or to the Secretary's delegate, to enter this Order under RCW 80.01.030, WAC 480-07-903(1)(c); and Order 04 in Docket A-090485.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 10, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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NOTICE: This is an order delegated to the Secretary, or to the Secretary's delegate, for decision under RCW 80-01-030 and WAC 480-07-903(1)(c). You may seek Commission review of this decision by filing a request for Commission review of this order no later than twenty (20) days after the service date of the order. For questions, contact Licensing Services at 360-664-1222.

The Commission will schedule your request for review by issuing a notice of hearing to be held before an administrative law judge. The Commission, at its discretion, may consider your request for review in an adjudicative proceeding under RCW 34.05 Part IV, or in a brief adjudicative proceeding under RCW 34.05.482 and .494. Following hearing, the administrative law judge will enter an initial order. If you wish to seek review of the initial order, you may file a petition for administrative review under RCW 34.05.464, or if the matter is heard in a brief adjudicative proceeding, under RCW 34.05.491.