

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

EMMANUEL SAMUELS AND  
ALEX SAMUELS  
d/b/a SAMUELS BROTHERS, L.L.C.

DOCKET TV-180207

DECLARATION OF  
BRIAN BRAUN

Brian Braun, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a Compliance Investigator in the Consumer Protection Section. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
2. On Jan. 30, 2018, I found numerous advertisements on craigslist.org for Samuels Brothers movers that featured a logo for Samuels Brother's Movers (logo), telephone numbers of (425) 626-8399 and (206) 509-7394, and the web address of [www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com](http://www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com).<sup>1</sup>
3. On Jan 30, 2018, I searched Commission records and verified that Samuels Brothers is not a permitted household goods carrier.<sup>2</sup>
4. On Jan. 30, 2018, I visited the website [www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com](http://www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com). I found a link to Samuels Brothers Facebook page, a link to Samuel Brothers Instagram account, telephone numbers (206) 503-7394 and (425) 626-8399, Yelp.com reviews, and biographical information about Emmanuel and Alex Samuels.<sup>3</sup>
5. On Jan. 30, 2018, I searched Washington Secretary of State's website for Samuels Brothers. The results produced a contact name/governing individual of Emmanuel Samuels with an address of 510 W Casino Road #10, Everett, WA 98204.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for craigslist.org ads, printed on Jan. 30, 2018

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment B for a copy of Commission record, printed March 6, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment C for a copy of [samuelsbrothersmovers.com](http://samuelsbrothersmovers.com), printed on Jan. 30, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> See Attachment D for a copy of the Washington Secretary of State's formation of LLC, printed on Jan. 30, 2018.

6. On Jan. 30, 2018, I searched Facebook.com for an Emmanuel Samuels. The results produced Mr. Samuels' Facebook page where he states that he is the "Company owner at Samuels Brothers L.L.C."<sup>5</sup>
7. On Jan. 30, 2018, I searched Facebook.com for a Samuels Brothers L.L.C. The results produced Samuels Brothers L.L.C.'s Facebook page where it states that they offer "March Special – \$90.00 And[sic] hour for two men and one truck!!!!", the logo, telephone numbers (425) 626-8399 and (206) 503-7394, web address of [www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com](http://www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com), and the biographical information about Emmanuel and Alex Samuels.<sup>6</sup>
8. On Jan. 30, 2018, I searched yelp.com for Samuels Brothers. The results produced a claimed Yelp account for Samuels Brothers Movers with the telephone number (425) 626-8399, a web address for [samuelsbrothersmovers.com](http://samuelsbrothersmovers.com), the logo, reviews that mention Emmanuel and Alex, and the biographical information about Emmanuel and Alex Samuels.<sup>7</sup>
9. On Jan. 30, 2018, I searched instagram.com for Samuels Brothers. I found a description of "We are a Washington state based moving company that provides outstanding customer service at affordable prices [www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com](http://www.samuelsbrothersmovers.com)", a picture of the ad, "March Special - \$90.00 And [sic] hour for two men and one truck!!!!", the logo, and photographs of individuals putting house hold goods in a box truck.<sup>8</sup>
10. On Feb. 1, 2018, a compliance letter was sent to Emmanuel Samuels of Samuels Brothers, L.L.C. notifying Mr. Samuels to cease and desist operations as a household goods carrier in Washington State until he obtains the required household goods carrier permit from the Commission.<sup>9</sup>
11. On Feb. 27, 2018, I called (206) 503-7394 using an assumed name, to obtain a quote for a moving services; including workers and a truck. I asked who I was speaking with and the person identified himself as Alex and confirmed that he was the owner. I was quoted a price of \$110 per hour for two men and a truck with a three hour minimum.
12. On Feb. 27, 2018, I received a confirmation via email.<sup>10</sup>

DATED this 12 day of March, 2018, at Olympia, Washington.

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BRIAN BRAUN

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<sup>5</sup> See Attachment E for a copy of the facebook.com page, printed on Jan. 30, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> See Attachment F for a copy of the facebook.com page, printed on Jan. 30, 2018.

<sup>7</sup> See Attachment G for a copy of the yelp.com page, printed on Jan. 30, 2018.

<sup>8</sup> See Attachment H for a copy of the Instagram.com page, printed on Jan. 31, 2018.

<sup>9</sup> See Attachment I for a copy of compliance letter, dated Feb. 1, 2018.

<sup>10</sup> See Attachment J for a copy of the email, dated Feb. 27, 2018