

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**
1-360-664-1222

Regarding suspension/cancellation of) Docket TV-090651
motor carrier permit for failure of carrier)
to file proof of liability and property) Order Suspending/Canceling Permit
damage insurance covering equipment.) No. CC-20396
)
) ROBERT VERN PONTIUS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 Washington State law requires motor freight carriers operating in intrastate commerce subject to regulation by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to file and maintain proof of liability and property damage insurance.
- 2 On March 18, 2009, the Commission notified you by letter that your permit to operate as a motor freight carrier in Washington State would be suspended if acceptable proof of insurance (Form E) was not filed by your insurance company. We also told you that you could contest suspension of your permit by requesting a hearing within 10 days of the notice.
- 3 We have not received proof of insurance and you did not request a hearing.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

- 4 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 Robert Vern Pontius is a motor freight carrier operating in Washington State under permit no. CC-20396.
- 6 On March 18, 2009, the Commission received notice of insurance cancellation related to the named carrier effective May 1, 2009.
- 7 The Commission is authorized by WAC 480-14-250(4) to suspend a motor freight carrier's permit for failure to file and maintain proof of insurance.
- 8 The Commission is authorized by WAC 480-14-230(5)(b) to cancel a motor freight carrier's permit for failure to correct conditions leading to suspension within the time defined in the order of suspension.

ORDER

- 9 The Commission suspends permit no. CC-20396 for a period of 30 days effective May 1, 2009.
- 10 You are directed to cease all operations associated with this permit until the Commission receives proof of liability and property damage insurance and enters an order lifting the suspension and authorizes you to resume operations.
- 11 If proof of insurance is not filed within 30 days permit no. CC-20396 will be cancelled without further notice or order. To reinstate this permit you must submit a new application and acceptable proof of insurance.
- 12 You may contest cancellation of this permit by requesting a hearing within 10 days of service of this order. A hearing request does not affect the suspension status of your permit.
- 13 The Commission has delegated authority to the Secretary, or to the Secretary's delegate, to enter this Order under RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-903(1)(c).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 1, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID PRATT
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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.

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 will 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.