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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Determining the  
Proper Carrier Classification )  
of, and Complaint for Penalties )  
against: ) Docket No. TE-151982

JEET SIDHU a/k/a GEETAR SIDHU )  
d/b/a JJ LIMOUSINE, JJ LIMOUSINE )  
SERVICES, JJ'S BEST LIMOUSINE )  
SERVICE, and JJ LIMOUSINE )  
SERVICES, INC. )

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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON; JULY 6, 2016  
9:30 A.M.

PROCEEDINGS

JUDGE PEARSON: We will be on the record.  
Today is Tuesday, July 6, 2016, and the time is  
9:30 a.m.

This is Docket TE-151982, which is captioned  
In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier  
Classification of, and Complaint for Penalties Against  
Jeet Sidhu a/k/a Geetar Sidhu, doing business as JJ  
Limousine, JJ Limousine Services, JJ's Best Limousine  
Service and JJ Limousine Services, Inc.

My name is Rayne Pearson. I'm the  
administrative law judge presiding over today's Brief  
Adjudicative Proceeding.

Let's start by taking appearances from both  
parties, and then we will talk about how we're going to  
proceed this morning. So let's go ahead and start with  
Commission Staff. Just a brief appearance is fine.

MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Jennifer  
Cameron-Rulkowski, Assistant Attorney General, appearing  
on behalf of Staff.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

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<p>1 And for the Company, if you could state your 2 first and last name for the record. 3 MR. SIDHU: Jeet Sidhu. 4 JUDGE PEARSON: Could you spell your last 5 name? 6 MR. SIDHU: S-I-D-H-U. 7 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And can you please 8 provide your address and telephone number? 9 MR. SIDHU: 15127 NW 24th Street, No. 268 -- 10 JUDGE PEARSON: Will you slow down and speak 11 closer to the microphone? 12 MR. SIDHU: 15127 NW 24th Street, No. 268, 13 Redmond, Washington 98052. 14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And your phone 15 number? 16 MR. SIDHU: (425) 454-5053. 17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And do you have an 18 e-mail address? 19 MR. SIDHU: Yes, jeet@jjlimo.com. 20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And Jeet is spelled 21 J-E-E-T? 22 MR. SIDHU: You're correct. 23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So this is a 24 classification hearing that was brought by the 25 Commission based on Staff's findings that you were</p>	<p>1 you have at least twice offered to provide charter party 2 or excursion carrier services without first having 3 obtained the required certificate, and that you've also 4 advertised to provide those services on your website. 5 MR. SIDHU: Yes. 6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So Staff is 7 requesting penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation in 8 the complaint. 9 So Staff will present its case first today, 10 like we discussed briefly before we came on the record, 11 and then you will have the opportunity to cross-examine 12 Staff's witness, Mr. Turcott, who is seated over here to 13 my right. And then after that you'll have a chance to 14 testify, and Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski will have the 15 opportunity to ask questions of you as well. 16 Do you have any questions about how -- 17 before we proceed? 18 MS. GOODIN: No. 19 MR. SIDHU: No. 20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So 21 Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski, you can begin whenever you're 22 ready. 23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you, 24 your Honor. 25 I would first note for the record that I'm</p>
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<p>1 conducting business as a charter party or excursion 2 service carrier without a required a certificate from 3 the Commission. 4 If we determine here today that you are 5 conducting such business, then we will issue an order 6 requiring you to cease and desist all operations until 7 you obtain a certificate from the Commission. 8 We also have a complaint for penalties that 9 is somewhat of a separate issue. The complaint for 10 penalties alleges that you have, in fact, engaged in 11 activities as a charter party or excursion service 12 carrier, so today is an evidentiary hearing to consider 13 whether you should be classified as a charter party or 14 excursion service carrier and whether penalties are 15 appropriate. 16 And you're representing yourself this 17 morning? 18 MR. SIDHU: Yes. 19 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And Mr. Sidhu, if you 20 have any questions about applicable laws, just let me 21 know. I'm assuming that you're fairly familiar with 22 Commission laws and rules because you have operated as a 23 permitted carrier in the past. 24 MR. SIDHU: Yes. 25 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So Staff alleges that</p>	<p>1 not aware that the Company has provided documents that 2 are responsive to the subpoena; however, it does appear 3 that the Company has brought forward some documents 4 which I assume we'll get to later in the case. 5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. 6 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I believe, Judge 7 Pearson, you have more or less summarized Staff's 8 allegations; however, I'll add that the advertisement 9 claim that Staff will be proving is based on the JJ's 10 Best Limousine website. 11 And Staff also will be proving that 12 Mr. Sidhu offered on June 9th to provide charter 13 services to Mr. Turcott, who contacted JJ Limo under an 14 assumed name, and also that Mr. Sidhu accepted a deposit 15 in September 2015 and agreed to transport 20 high school 16 students to a prom in Mill Creek. 17 Mr. Sidhu bears the burden of proving he did 18 not engage in the business of a charter party carrier 19 regulated under Chapter 81.70 of the Revised Code of 20 Washington. 21 Since service of Order 01, Mr. Sidhu filed 22 an incomplete application for charter and excursion 23 authority. Staff's position thus far in the hearing is 24 that, while this filing is a positive step, it does not 25 excuse his violations of the law, and Staff does</p>

<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOTT9</p> <p>1 anticipate recommending a penalty after Mr. Sidhu 2 presents his case.</p> <p>3 At this time, I would like to call 4 Mr. Michael Turcott. And would you like him to sit here 5 or shall he come to the witness spot? 6 JUDGE PEARSON: You're fine right there. If 7 you could just stand and raise your right hand. 8</p> <p>9 MICHAEL TURCOTT, witness herein, having been 10 first duly sworn on oath, 11 was examined and testified 12 as follows: 13</p> <p>14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. You may be seated. 15 *** EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI *** 16 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: 17 <b>Q. Good morning, Mr. Turcott.</b> 18 A. Good morning. 19 <b>Q. Please state your name.</b> 20 A. Michael Turcott, T-U-R-C-O-T-T. 21 <b>Q. Please state the name of your employer.</b> 22 A. Washington Utilities and Transportation 23 Commission. 24 <b>Q. In what position are you employed with the</b> 25 <b>Commission?</b></p>	<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT11</p> <p>1 A. JJ Limousine, Inc., was a company investigated 2 previously by Pam Smith, one of my peers in the unit. 3 Pam Smith was a compliance investigator that left the 4 agency for other employment. 5 Ms. Smith had prepared a case involving 6 JJ Limousine to the point where a complaint was prepared 7 with violations identified. The case had stalled out as 8 we were unable to identify or locate the Company owner 9 for service of the documents. 10 <b>Q. And have you investigated JJ Limousine?</b> 11 A. Yes. 12 <b>Q. This proceeding has been brought against</b> 13 <b>Mr. Jeet Sidhu, doing business as JJ Limousine.</b> 14 <b>Does Mr. Sidhu own JJ Limousine?</b> 15 A. Yes. 16 <b>Q. In the course of your work, do you ever go out</b> 17 <b>into the field to observe charter bus activity?</b> 18 A. Yes. 19 <b>Q. And when was the last time that you went out in</b> 20 <b>the field to observe charter bus activity?</b> 21 A. Saturday, June 4th of this year. 22 <b>Q. Did you observe any vehicles that you believe</b> 23 <b>are operated by JJ Limo?</b> 24 A. Yes, I did. 25 <b>Q. What type of vehicle did you observe?</b></p>
<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT10</p> <p>1 A. As a compliance investigator in the 2 transportation safety section. 3 <b>Q. And how long have you been employed in this</b> 4 <b>position?</b> 5 A. For the past nine months. 6 <b>Q. Do you have prior experience working as an</b> 7 <b>investigator?</b> 8 A. Yes. 9 <b>Q. Please briefly describe that prior experience.</b> 10 A. I worked as a commissioned officer with the 11 Washington State Patrol for 28 years, retiring in 2013; 12 and in the interim working at the Department of 13 Licensing managing the fraud investigation unit. 14 <b>Q. Please briefly describe your responsibilities as</b> 15 <b>they pertain to this matter.</b> 16 A. My responsibilities are to investigate 17 potentially unlicensed charter and excursion companies, 18 provide technical assistance, encourage companies to 19 become compliant with regulations, and otherwise proceed 20 with investigations and complaints against the Company. 21 <b>Q. Are you familiar with JJ Limousine Services,</b> 22 <b>Inc.?</b> 23 A. Yes. 24 <b>Q. And how did you become familiar with</b> 25 <b>JJ Limousine?</b></p>	<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT12</p> <p>1 A. A large black EIDorado bus, similar in size to 2 the busses we're all familiar with as city transit 3 busses, a large square bus. And this vehicle was 4 painted black, and I had seen images of it before, and 5 particularly was able to verify that this was a vehicle 6 of interest by the license plate number AWF9394. 7 <b>Q. And did you verify that the license plate</b> 8 <b>matches licensing records naming Mr. Sidhu?</b> 9 A. Yes. 10 <b>Q. And that's why you believe that the vehicle is</b> 11 <b>operated by Mr. -- by JJ Limo?</b> 12 A. That's correct. 13 <b>Q. Was Mr. Sidhu present?</b> 14 A. He was not. 15 <b>Q. Did you speak with the driver of the vehicle?</b> 16 A. I did speak with the driver, Mr. Edmond Lartey. 17 <b>Q. And did you ever speak with Mr. Sidhu that</b> 18 <b>evening?</b> 19 A. I did speak with Mr. Sidhu on the phone. 20 Mr. Lartey offered to call Mr. Sidhu, and dialed the 21 number on his phone, or actually brought it up, it was a 22 contact on Mr. Lartey's phone, and handed me the phone 23 and I spoke with Mr. Sidhu. 24 <b>Q. And did you tell Mr. Sidhu about the</b> 25 <b>Commission's complaint against him and the hearing?</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT13</b></p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 <b>Q. Did you have copies of Order 01, the subpoena,</b></p> <p>3 <b>and Ms. Smith's investigation report with you?</b></p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. And what did you do with those documents?</b></p> <p>6 A. I gave those to Mr. Lartey. We had a</p> <p>7 discussion -- myself, Mr. Lartey, L-A-R-T-E-Y, and on</p> <p>8 the phone with Mr. Sidhu -- to make arrangements to have</p> <p>9 those documents provided to Mr. Sidhu. All parties</p> <p>10 agreed that the employee would deliver the documents to</p> <p>11 the owner, Company owner, Mr. Sidhu.</p> <p>12 <b>Q. And do you believe that that is, in fact, what</b></p> <p>13 <b>happened?</b></p> <p>14 A. I do.</p> <p>15 <b>Q. Did you have any further contact with Mr. Sidhu?</b></p> <p>16 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>17 <b>Q. All righty. Can you please describe that</b></p> <p>18 <b>further contact?</b></p> <p>19 A. The following week, Tuesday, June 7th -- I'm</p> <p>20 sorry -- Monday, June 6th, I e-mailed Mr. Sidhu at the</p> <p>21 e-mail address on the website and thanked him for his</p> <p>22 cooperative conversation on Saturday night, and verified</p> <p>23 that he received the documents from his employee. And</p> <p>24 he responded that he did, and further followed up and</p> <p>25 verified his residential address that he provided on the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT15</b></p> <p>1 A. Yes, exactly.</p> <p>2 <b>Q. And as part of your investigation, did you</b></p> <p>3 <b>review any documents associated with Pam Smith's</b></p> <p>4 <b>investigation?</b></p> <p>5 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>6 <b>Q. Please direct your attention to Exhibit</b></p> <p>7 <b>No. MT-2. Please identify this document.</b></p> <p>8 A. Exhibit MT-2 is Staff investigation of</p> <p>9 JJ Limousine Services, Incorporated, Docket TE-151982,</p> <p>10 prepared by Pam Smith in December 2015.</p> <p>11 <b>Q. And is this one of the documents that you</b></p> <p>12 <b>reviewed?</b></p> <p>13 A. Yes, it is.</p> <p>14 <b>Q. And is Exhibit No. MT-2 a true and accurate copy</b></p> <p>15 <b>of the Staff investigation report authored by Pam Smith</b></p> <p>16 <b>that you reviewed?</b></p> <p>17 A. Yes, it is.</p> <p>18 <b>Q. All right. Please direct your attention to</b></p> <p>19 <b>Exhibit No. MT-3. Please identify this document.</b></p> <p>20 A. Exhibit MT-3 is a declaration of Pam Smith with</p> <p>21 respect to Docket TE-151982.</p> <p>22 <b>Q. All right. And what was the purpose of this</b></p> <p>23 <b>document, as far as you can tell?</b></p> <p>24 A. The purpose of Ms. Smith's declaration is to</p> <p>25 capture and document the status -- current status of</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT14</b></p> <p>1 phone, 1428 140th Court SE, Apartment 1002, Bellevue,</p> <p>2 Washington 98007, and he confirmed that I had his</p> <p>3 address correct.</p> <p>4 <b>Q. Please refer to Exhibit No. MT-1.</b></p> <p>5 A. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>6 <b>Q. Does this exhibit contain a true and accurate</b></p> <p>7 <b>copy of the e-mail that you received from Mr. Sidhu that</b></p> <p>8 <b>you just discussed?</b></p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I offer Exhibit</p> <p>11 No. MT-1 for admission into evidence.</p> <p>12 JUDGE PEARSON: Mr. Sidhu, do you have any</p> <p>13 objection to admitting this e-mail into evidence?</p> <p>14 MR. SIDHU: Yes, I've --</p> <p>15 JUDGE PEARSON: You're okay with it?</p> <p>16 MR. SIDHU: Yeah.</p> <p>17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. I will admit that and</p> <p>18 mark it as Exhibit MT-1.</p> <p>19 (Exhibit No. MT-1 was marked and</p> <p>20 admitted into evidence.)</p> <p>21 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI:</p> <p>22 <b>Q. Now, you testified that you also investigated</b></p> <p>23 <b>JJ Limousine as well as Staff person Pam Smith.</b></p> <p>24 <b>Would you characterize your investigation as a</b></p> <p>25 <b>follow-up investigation?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT16</b></p> <p>1 this investigation, as she was leaving employment with</p> <p>2 the Commission, so that other Staff could follow up and</p> <p>3 know where the case was at that time.</p> <p>4 <b>Q. And is this one of the documents that you</b></p> <p>5 <b>reviewed?</b></p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 <b>Q. Is Exhibit No. MT-3 a true and accurate copy of</b></p> <p>8 <b>the declaration of Pam Smith that you reviewed?</b></p> <p>9 A. Yes, it is.</p> <p>10 <b>Q. Now, please turn to the first attachment to</b></p> <p>11 <b>Ms. Smith's declaration. Can you please identify this</b></p> <p>12 <b>document?</b></p> <p>13 A. This is a printout of a website screen, the date</p> <p>14 is February 10th, 2016, 11:32 a.m., from the State of</p> <p>15 Washington business licensing service in regards to</p> <p>16 JJ Limousine -- JJ's Best Limousine Service.</p> <p>17 <b>Q. All right. And what is the exact business name</b></p> <p>18 <b>that's listed there?</b></p> <p>19 A. It's JJ's Best Limousine Service, and the trade</p> <p>20 name is the same, JJ's Best Limousine Service.</p> <p>21 <b>Q. And is Jeet Sidhu listed in this record as well?</b></p> <p>22 A. Yes, he is.</p> <p>23 <b>Q. Now, about your follow-up investigation, did you</b></p> <p>24 <b>document your follow-up investigation of JJ Limousine?</b></p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>

<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT17</p> <p>1 <b>Q. Please direct your attention to Exhibit</b>  2 <b>No. MT-4. Please identify this document.</b>  3 A. Exhibit MT-4 is Staff investigation of  4 JJ Limousine Services, Inc., prepared by myself.  5 <b>Q. And is Exhibit No. MT-4 a true and accurate copy</b>  6 <b>of the report that you prepared documenting your</b>  7 <b>investigation of JJ Limousine?</b>  8 A. Yes.  9 <b>Q. Based on your investigation, have you identified</b>  10 <b>any information in Ms. Smith's investigation report that</b>  11 <b>has changed?</b>  12 A. We reviewed -- essentially, no. There were some  13 additional business licensing records that had expired  14 and were no longer accessible, but Ms. Smith's report,  15 notwithstanding those documents, is unchanged.  16 <b>Q. And does your supplemental report reflect the</b>  17 <b>current business licensing service records associated</b>  18 <b>with this company?</b>  19 A. Yes, it does.  20 <b>Q. And has any other information changed in any</b>  21 <b>way?</b>  22 A. No.  23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Your Honor, I offer  24 Exhibit Nos. MT-2, MT-3 and MT-4 for admission into  25 evidence.</p>	<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT19</p> <p>1 JUDGE PEARSON: Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski, do  2 you want to respond?  3 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Yes, your Honor.  4 The order instituting the special proceeding  5 and the complaint was brought against Jeet Sidhu, doing  6 business as as many different company names as seemed to  7 be out there. And so at the bottom, the -- this  8 proceeding is brought against Mr. Sidhu.  9 MS. GOODIN: Okay.  10 JUDGE PEARSON: You'll have an opportunity  11 to speak. So I'm going to overrule your objection and  12 admit each of these exhibits into the record as MT-3 --  13 or MT-2, MT-3 and MT-4, because I agree with  14 Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski that Mr. Sidhu is operating under  15 a number of different entity names. It was difficult  16 for Staff to identify which one he was using at any  17 given time, but ultimately the complaint was brought  18 against Mr. Sidhu himself.  19 (Exhibit Nos. MT-2, MT-3 and MT-4  20 were marked and admitted into  21 evidence.)  22 JUDGE PEARSON: You may proceed.  23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you,  24 your Honor.  25 ///</p>
<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT18</p> <p>1 JUDGE PEARSON: Mr. Sidhu, do you have any  2 objection to those exhibits being admitted into  3 evidence?  4 MS. GOODIN: I would think so because you're  5 talking --  6 JUDGE PEARSON: I need you to identify  7 yourself as well.  8 MS. GOODIN: My name is Nanette Goodin. And  9 from what I can see, it looks like Pam Smith prepared  10 something for JJ Limousine Services, Inc., and then he's  11 preparing -- oh, the same thing, JJ Limousine Services,  12 Inc., and the other stuff is for JJ's Best Limousine,  13 two separate companies.  14 JUDGE PEARSON: So you're -- but both of  15 those companies were named in the complaint, so --  16 MS. GOODIN: I understand that, but --  17 JUDGE PEARSON: So what's the basis for your  18 objection?  19 MS. GOODIN: Because you're listing all of  20 them, and you're talking about two different companies.  21 You're grouping everything together. Her investigation  22 was under -- for JJ Limousine Services, Inc., an old  23 company.  24 MR. SIDHU: It's closed down.  25 MS. GOODIN: And it was closed. So I am --</p>	<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT20</p> <p>1 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI:  2 <b>Q. Now, I'd like to move on to the certificate</b>  3 <b>status of this carrier.</b>  4 <b>Has Mr. Sidhu ever held a charter certificate?</b>  5 A. Yes.  6 <b>Q. All right. Did he receive a charter certificate</b>  7 <b>on September 8, 2006, in Docket TE-061343?</b>  8 A. Yes.  9 <b>Q. All right. Please refer to Ms. Smith's</b>  10 <b>investigation report, and this is Exhibit No. MT-2, and</b>  11 <b>please turn to page 4.</b>  12 <b>Can you please explain what the table on page 4</b>  13 <b>represents?</b>  14 A. The table on page 4 depicts the certificate  15 status of JJ Limousine over a period of years, different  16 dates authority was suspended, if the suspension was  17 lifted, if the authority was cancelled or reinstated.  18 There are 14 different licensing actions on this company  19 in the past -- or since 2006.  20 <b>Q. And referring to the table on page 4, when is</b>  21 <b>the last time that JJ Limousine held authority from the</b>  22 <b>Commission?</b>  23 A. JJ Limousine last held authority up until  24 July 9th, 2015.  25 <b>Q. And is that the date that authority was</b></p>

<p><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT21</b></p> <p>1 cancelled?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 <b>Q. Was the cancellation voluntary or involuntary?</b></p> <p>4 A. Voluntary.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. Has Mr. Sidhu or JJ Limousine held any authority</b></p> <p>6 <b>from the Commission since the July 2015 cancellation?</b></p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 <b>Q. According to the table on page 4, Mr. Sidhu's</b></p> <p>9 <b>certificate was cancelled three other times.</b></p> <p>10 <b>Do you know the reason the certificate was</b></p> <p>11 <b>cancelled the other times?</b></p> <p>12 A. Yes, it was cancelled due to failure to provide</p> <p>13 proof of insurance.</p> <p>14 <b>Q. Now, please refer to page 5 of the report. It</b></p> <p>15 <b>states there that JJ Limousine is not currently licensed</b></p> <p>16 <b>as a limousine carrier through the Department of</b></p> <p>17 <b>Licensing.</b></p> <p>18 <b>Have you checked with the Department of</b></p> <p>19 <b>Licensing recently as to whether this is still the case?</b></p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 <b>Q. And when did you check?</b></p> <p>22 A. Thursday of last week.</p> <p>23 <b>Q. Has Mr. Sidhu applied for operating authority</b></p> <p>24 <b>from the Commission since the July 2015 cancellation?</b></p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>	<p><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT23</b></p> <p>1 Right now I just need to know if you have any issue with</p> <p>2 this being admitted into the record. It's the</p> <p>3 application that you filed with the Commission on</p> <p>4 June 10th.</p> <p>5 MR. SIDHU: Yeah.</p> <p>6 MS. GOODIN: He did this.</p> <p>7 MR. SIDHU: Yeah, he did that.</p> <p>8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So you're fine with</p> <p>9 that?</p> <p>10 MR. SIDHU: Yes.</p> <p>11 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Then I will admit</p> <p>12 that and mark it as Exhibit MT-5.</p> <p>13 (Exhibit No. MT-5 was marked and</p> <p>14 admitted into evidence.)</p> <p>15 JUDGE PEARSON: And then the next was the</p> <p>16 notice that was mailed to you on June 14th.</p> <p>17 MR. SIDHU: E-mailed letter?</p> <p>18 JUDGE PEARSON: And you're okay with that as</p> <p>19 well?</p> <p>20 MR. SIDHU: I -- yes, I got an e-mail and a</p> <p>21 letter.</p> <p>22 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Then I'll admit that</p> <p>23 and mark it as MT-6.</p> <p>24 (Exhibit No. MT-6 was marked and</p> <p>25 admitted into evidence.)</p>
<p><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT22</b></p> <p>1 <b>Q. When did the Commission receive his application?</b></p> <p>2 A. I believe it was June 10th of this year.</p> <p>3 <b>Q. Please refer to Exhibit MT-5. Is this a true</b></p> <p>4 <b>and accurate copy of the application that Mr. Sidhu</b></p> <p>5 <b>submitted June 10th, 2016?</b></p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 <b>Q. Was the application complete?</b></p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. Did the Commission notify Mr. Sidhu that his</b></p> <p>10 <b>application was incomplete?</b></p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 <b>Q. Please refer to Exhibit No. MT-6. Is this a</b></p> <p>13 <b>true and accurate copy of the Commission's notice to</b></p> <p>14 <b>Mr. Sidhu concerning his incomplete application?</b></p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 <b>Q. To your knowledge, has Mr. Sidhu completed the</b></p> <p>17 <b>application?</b></p> <p>18 A. To my knowledge, he has not.</p> <p>19 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I offer Exhibits</p> <p>20 MT-5 and MT-6 for admission into evidence.</p> <p>21 JUDGE PEARSON: Mr. Sidhu, do you have any</p> <p>22 objection?</p> <p>23 MR. SIDHU: The application Mr. Turcott send</p> <p>24 me, I working for the insurance and what he wants.</p> <p>25 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. We'll get to that.</p>	<p><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT24</b></p> <p>1 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI:</p> <p>2 <b>Q. All right. Mr. Turcott, please refer to</b></p> <p>3 <b>Ms. Smith's investigation report, that is MT-2, and turn</b></p> <p>4 <b>to page 71.</b></p> <p>5 <b>Can you please identify this document?</b></p> <p>6 A. Yes. This is a declaration of Michael Hornsby,</p> <p>7 provided October 27th, 2015, with regards to Docket</p> <p>8 TE-151982.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. And what was the purpose of the transportation</b></p> <p>10 <b>described in this declaration?</b></p> <p>11 A. My understanding is Mr. Hornsby was arranging</p> <p>12 transportation for his daughter's homecoming or</p> <p>13 prom-type event.</p> <p>14 <b>Q. And how many people were to be transported?</b></p> <p>15 A. As I recall, it was 20, but I'm looking for it</p> <p>16 in the document.</p> <p>17 <b>Q. Please refer to paragraph 2.</b></p> <p>18 A. Yes, 20 is correct.</p> <p>19 <b>Q. And did Mr. Hornsby pay for the transportation?</b></p> <p>20 A. Mr. Hornsby made a deposit towards the</p> <p>21 transportation, but I don't believe he paid the full</p> <p>22 fare or contract.</p> <p>23 <b>Q. All right. And did JJ Limousine provide the</b></p> <p>24 <b>transportation?</b></p> <p>25 A. No.</p>

<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT25</p> <p>1 <b>Q. And why not?</b></p> <p>2 A. Mr. Hornsby learned that JJ Limousine did not</p> <p>3 have charter authority from the Commission and chose to</p> <p>4 cancel the contract and not do the trip because of that.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. All right. And do you know if Mr. Hornsby ever</b></p> <p>6 <b>received a refund of his deposit?</b></p> <p>7 A. He did not.</p> <p>8 <b>Q. And did you have contact with Mr. Hornsby</b></p> <p>9 <b>regarding the refund?</b></p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 <b>Q. And was that recently?</b></p> <p>12 A. It was within the last week or so.</p> <p>13 <b>Q. All right. Now, I'm going to ask you to turn to</b></p> <p>14 <b>your supplemental report, and that's Exhibit No. MT-4,</b></p> <p>15 <b>and please turn to Appendix A6, which is on page 22.</b></p> <p>16 <b>Please identify this document.</b></p> <p>17 A. This is a screen image obtained from the</p> <p>18 JJ Limousine -- JJ's Best Limousine Service website,</p> <p>19 www.jjlimo.com.</p> <p>20 <b>Q. And is the document at Appendix A6 a true and</b></p> <p>21 <b>correct of the screen image you made of the JJ Limousine</b></p> <p>22 <b>website?</b></p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 <b>Q. And when did you create the screen image?</b></p> <p>25 A. June 28th, 2016.</p>	<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT27</p> <p>1 Please review that list and state which vehicles</p> <p>2 seat more than 14 passengers.</p> <p>3 A. The fourth vehicle, black limo bus,</p> <p>4 30-passenger; the black limo bus, 26-passenger; black</p> <p>5 limo bus, another listing for 26-passenger; pearl white</p> <p>6 Escalade, 20 passengers; white Hummer, 22 passengers;</p> <p>7 black 2010 limo bus, 38 passengers; and white Escalade,</p> <p>8 20 passengers.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. And why is it relevant to this case if a vehicle</b></p> <p>10 <b>seats more than 14 passengers?</b></p> <p>11 A. The vehicles with seating capacity of greater</p> <p>12 than 14 passengers clearly fall under UTC authority as a</p> <p>13 charter vehicle, and a certificate of authority is</p> <p>14 required to operate those or to advertise those.</p> <p>15 <b>Q. All right. Please turn to page 25. This is the</b></p> <p>16 <b>web page captioned Our Fleet-Gallery.</b></p> <p>17 <b>Can you tell if the vehicle you observed on</b></p> <p>18 <b>June 4th matches any of the vehicles listed in JJ's</b></p> <p>19 <b>advertised fleet?</b></p> <p>20 A. The copy I have is kind of hard to see, but the</p> <p>21 upper left image resembles very closely the vehicle that</p> <p>22 I am familiar with from June 4th, and I've seen other</p> <p>23 photos of, the large black bus.</p> <p>24 <b>Q. And is that vehicle listed in the list of</b></p> <p>25 <b>vehicles lower down on the page, do you believe?</b></p>
<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT26</p> <p>1 <b>Q. And how do you connect the website to Mr. Sidhu?</b></p> <p>2 A. Well, a number of ways. The e-mail address that</p> <p>3 I used to correspond comes from that domain name. He</p> <p>4 has the trade name at the top of his website, and the</p> <p>5 phone number on the website matches the phone numbers</p> <p>6 that he's provided on the current application and</p> <p>7 previous applications.</p> <p>8 <b>Q. And when did you last check the JJ Limousine</b></p> <p>9 <b>website?</b></p> <p>10 A. This morning.</p> <p>11 <b>Q. Now, I want to go back to the business licensing</b></p> <p>12 <b>record that was attached to Ms. Smith's declaration, and</b></p> <p>13 <b>this is Exhibit No. MT-3. And this record is for UBI</b></p> <p>14 <b>No. 603-545-868, and it's also attached to your</b></p> <p>15 <b>supplemental report.</b></p> <p>16 <b>So let's go there now to MT-4, and turn to page</b></p> <p>17 <b>20.</b></p> <p>18 A. Okay.</p> <p>19 <b>Q. Now, referring to this record, when was the</b></p> <p>20 <b>trade name JJ's Best Limousine Service first issued?</b></p> <p>21 A. September 24th, 2015.</p> <p>22 <b>Q. All right. Now, I want you to turn your</b></p> <p>23 <b>attention back to the website, which begins on page 22,</b></p> <p>24 <b>and I want to direct your attention to the hourly rates</b></p> <p>25 <b>page of the website on page 27.</b></p>	<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT28</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 <b>Q. Which vehicle might that be?</b></p> <p>3 A. The 40-passenger party bus. When I clicked on</p> <p>4 that link, a larger image of that black bus came up.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. Please turn the page to page 26.</b></p> <p>6 <b>And you just testified that you clicked on the</b></p> <p>7 <b>link. Is this the page that came up when you clicked on</b></p> <p>8 <b>the link?</b></p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 <b>Q. All right. Let's turn to page 16 of your</b></p> <p>11 <b>supplemental report.</b></p> <p>12 <b>Is this the vehicle registration associated with</b></p> <p>13 <b>the vehicle that you observed in June and that you've</b></p> <p>14 <b>testified about earlier?</b></p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 <b>Q. And is Mr. Jeet Sidhu listed as the registered</b></p> <p>17 <b>owner on this registration?</b></p> <p>18 A. Yes, he is.</p> <p>19 <b>Q. All right. I'd like to switch gears here a</b></p> <p>20 <b>little bit and talk about the offer.</b></p> <p>21 <b>In your supplemental report, you discuss</b></p> <p>22 <b>receiving an offer of transportation from JJ Limousine</b></p> <p>23 <b>on page 4.</b></p> <p>24 <b>How did you contact JJ Limousine?</b></p> <p>25 A. I used the contact function on the website.</p>

<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT29</p> <p>1 There's a place to fill in your name and so on to  2 inquire about transportation or to otherwise contact the  3 company. I used that feature on the website.  4 <b>Q. Did you receive the offer via e-mail?</b>  5 A. Yes.  6 <b>Q. And how many people did JJ Limousine offer to  7 transport for you?</b>  8 A. I requested 30 -- transportation for 30  9 passengers. The reply was that he could offer me a  10 40-passenger party bus to meet my needs.  11 <b>Q. And when did you receive this offer?</b>  12 A. The same day, June 9th.  13 <b>Q. All right. I'm going to ask you to turn to page  14 21.</b>  15 <b>Is this a true and correct copy of the e-mail  16 offer that you received from JJ Limousine?</b>  17 A. Yes, it is.  18 <b>Q. So did you receive this offer three days after  19 receiving confirmation from Mr. Sidhu that he had  20 received the Commission's complaint and notice of this  21 hearing?</b>  22 A. Yes.  23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: All right. At this  24 time, Judge Pearson, I have no further questions for  25 Mr. Turcott, but I would like to recall Mr. Turcott</p>	<p>DIRECT TESTIMONY BY MR. SIDHU 31</p> <p>1 speak slowly.  2 And you can go ahead when you're ready.  3 MS. GOODIN: I didn't understand what the  4 question was.  5 JUDGE PEARSON: This is his opportunity to  6 respond to Staff's allegations, if he has anything that  7 he wants to tell the Commission, any mitigating factors.  8 MR. SIDHU: Yes, I do.  9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  10 *** DIRECT TESTIMONY BY JEET SIDHU ***  11 MR. SIDHU: Since 2010, you saw my license  12 has been off and on, off and on, because once I sell the  13 bus, I don't have a license. And when I buy a new one,  14 I reinstate. That's what I was doing in 2014. I gave  15 back all the vehicles I have in the list, everything  16 back to the bank.  17 JUDGE PEARSON: You gave them back to the  18 bank?  19 MR. SIDHU: Yeah, to the bank.  20 JUDGE PEARSON: So you're saying that -- did  21 you say in 2015 or 2014?  22 MR. SIDHU: 2014.  23 JUDGE PEARSON: In 2014.  24 MR. SIDHU: From 2013 to 2014, I start  25 giving back all the busses, all -- every car to the</p>
<p>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT30</p> <p>1 after the Company presents its case.  2 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure. Okay.  3 Mr. Sidhu, do you have any questions for  4 Mr. Turcott?  5 MR. SIDHU: No.  6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So before I swear you  7 in Mr. Sidhu, I just need to take a brief recess for  8 about two minutes. So we will be off the record and  9 come back after a short break.  10 MR. SIDHU: Okay.  11 (A break was taken from  12 10:06 a.m. to 10:08 a.m.)  13 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So we will be back on  14 the record following a brief recess.  15 And Mr. Sidhu, if you would please stand and  16 raise your right hand, I will swear you in.  17  18 JEET SIDHU, witness herein, having been  19 first duly sworn on oath,  20 was examined and testified  21 as follows:  22  23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Go ahead and have a  24 seat. And again, please be sure to speak directly into  25 the microphone so the court reporter can hear you, and</p>	<p>DIRECT TESTIMONY BY MR. SIDHU 32</p> <p>1 bank.  2 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So do you own any  3 busses now?  4 MR. SIDHU: Let me finish.  5 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  6 MR. SIDHU: I did that because I was going  7 blind.  8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  9 MR. SIDHU: And I got to go, in order to do  10 my eye surgery, so I went back and forth to Singapore,  11 back and forth. So I don't have any cars, but I still  12 keep the phone number and the -- maintain the website.  13 And I came back 2015, I say, okay, I have to  14 have something to make some money, so I bought the bus.  15 And the bus was not good to run yet, and I was --  16 meanwhile, I was making money by farming out jobs to  17 other companies and making some cut out of it. That's  18 what I've been doing.  19 And until I bought the bus, I said now -- I  20 did speak to somebody in -- I think it's March or April  21 that I go -- I can't remember who I speak to, but I say,  22 I bought a bus, but I want to register this as -- but I  23 will need a UTC license. How do I go -- do I still keep  24 the same? Because I close down JJ Limousine Services,  25 Inc.</p>



<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECT TESTIMONY BY MR. SIDHU 33</p> <p>1 And he said, when you open a new company,  2 you want to have the bus registered, just call us and  3 put the application in and we'll do it.  4 So I waited for the bus to be ready to go,  5 and then that's why I say I have no cars, all the fleet  6 on that is all -- I own nothing. Only the 40-passenger  7 bus and the town car. That's about what I have now.  8 And I -- Mr. Turcott sent me the e-mail  9 saying that this vehicle's -- I say, no, I farm out the  10 job to Brar Limo Service and bus service, and he did  11 check. It's true that he got a charter license. I've  12 been giving him all the jobs and making some money  13 off --  14 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. What was the name of  15 the company that you're giving your jobs to?  16 MR. SIDHU: Brar Limo and Town Car Service.  17 JUDGE PEARSON: Brar?  18 MR. TURCOTT: B-R-A-R --  19 JUDGE PEARSON: Brar?  20 MR. SIDHU: Yeah.  21 MR. TURCOTT: B-R-A-R is the last name,  22 your Honor, of the owner.  23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  24 MR. SIDHU: Two years ago I was working with  25 A&amp;E Limo Service, but since I was going back and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECT TESTIMONY BY MR. SIDHU 35</p> <p>1 I called the dealer, I say, look, I have to  2 have this DBA, and they are -- they are -- they have to  3 do it for me. I cannot do it. Because I went to  4 Department of Licensing, they said, no, you have to  5 bring the title so we can do it. So I don't own the  6 title, so I told them to do it.  7 And my insurance agent, I have an e-mail  8 here, she's working on it until now, which I think I  9 will kick her out and get another company.  10 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. I just have -- my  11 question has to do with, you said you were giving all of  12 the business away, except we have evidence in Staff's  13 investigation report that you took a deposit from  14 someone back in September of 2015, and that your bus was  15 providing service on June 4th.  16 So I'm curious about what the extent of your  17 personal operations were, because clearly you weren't  18 giving all of the business away.  19 MR. SIDHU: September 15th of '15, you  20 say --  21 JUDGE PEARSON: Um-hmm.  22 MR. SIDHU: -- I collected a deposit? You  23 say I collect a deposit, you say?  24 JUDGE PEARSON: Right. The \$318 deposit  25 from Michael Hornsby.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECT TESTIMONY BY MR. SIDHU 34</p> <p>1 forth -- so when I came back, I didn't deal with them no  2 more. But I was dealing Brar, and I was dealing with a  3 couple more people, like Latin Limousine Service for  4 Hummers, you know, for the SUVs, I use him. The busses,  5 I use Brar. And I also use Blessed Limo. Whoever I  6 know they are licensed, I give the job to them, and I  7 just make some money out of it. That's what I've been  8 doing until today.  9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So how do you explain  10 what was going on on June 4th, I believe, when  11 Mr. Turcott saw the bus and talked to your driver? What  12 was going on then?  13 MR. SIDHU: I was working on getting the  14 quote for the insurance thing, and I told him, I say,  15 June 6 or 7, I'm going to send the application -- the  16 Monday or Tuesday I'm gonna send the application. So I  17 said -- you know, I just went and put the application,  18 but since he talked to me, I respond to him, I told him  19 everything on the phone.  20 And on the following day when I'm there, he  21 told me I couldn't come until Tuesday, I call him on  22 Tuesday and we spoke on the phone, and I put in the  23 application, and I -- she send me saying that the  24 registration have to be changed and then the insurance,  25 find registration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECT TESTIMONY BY MR. SIDHU 36</p> <p>1 MR. SIDHU: I don't recall who he is. I  2 don't know who he is. If I collect a deposit, I, in  3 fact, don't do a service, I refund back the money. I'm  4 a very honest guy. And I never -- that name do not ring  5 a bell to me. If he -- if he think I never refund his  6 deposit, he can put a dispute on the credit card, which  7 I don't have dispute until today.  8 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Do you have anything  9 else that you want to add?  10 MR. SIDHU: I want to just say that, you  11 know, I start back, refresh, yes, I did a mistake on  12 June 4th. I agree with that mistake. But the others, I  13 don't think that I did anything wrong.  14 And I'm trying to start back again this  15 business, but I close down JJ Limousine Service long  16 time ago. I said, no, I don't do the business. I am  17 going blind. Truly, I cannot see. I look there, I  18 can't even see you. I don't drive. I don't do nothing.  19 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Do you have anything  20 else you want to add or can we let Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski  21 ask you some questions?  22 MR. SIDHU: No. Nothing more to say.  23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Go ahead.  24 MR. SIDHU: Thank you, your Honor.  25 ///</p>

<p>CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / SIDHU37</p> <p>1 *** CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI ***</p> <p>2 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI:</p> <p>3 <b>Q. Good morning, Mr. Sidhu.</b></p> <p>4 A. Good morning.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. You had testified that, in addition to the</b></p> <p>6 <b>Lartey vehicle, that you also -- that you also own or</b></p> <p>7 <b>possess a town car?</b></p> <p>8 A. Yes, I do.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. All right. How many passenger seats are there</b></p> <p>10 <b>behind the driver in the town car?</b></p> <p>11 A. Three.</p> <p>12 <b>Q. All right. And these two vehicles, do you own</b></p> <p>13 <b>them?</b></p> <p>14 A. The town car I own, but the bus, I think --</p> <p>15 there's some payment to pay. There's a lien on the bus.</p> <p>16 <b>Q. You own it, but there's a lien on it --</b></p> <p>17 A. Yeah.</p> <p>18 <b>Q. -- is that correct?</b></p> <p>19 A. Yes. It's a lease.</p> <p>20 MS. GOODIN: It's almost paid off.</p> <p>21 MR. SIDHU: Almost paid off.</p> <p>22 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI:</p> <p>23 <b>Q. It's financed. All right. So in other words,</b></p> <p>24 <b>you have -- you're paying off a vehicle loan on the bus?</b></p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>	<p>CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / SIDHU39</p> <p>1 A. I ask for their paperwork. Before I give them</p> <p>2 any job, show me your paperwork. I say, I'm not doing</p> <p>3 this for the last one year or two years. I'm doing this</p> <p>4 long time.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. Do you keep copies of that paperwork?</b></p> <p>6 A. I -- I -- I did have, but I close down my</p> <p>7 office, I move everything. Everything like, it's in the</p> <p>8 storage now. I closed down my office.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. So you don't keep copies of the license -- of</b></p> <p>10 <b>the licenses or permits or certificate of the companies</b></p> <p>11 <b>that you farm out business to?</b></p> <p>12 A. As I say, I did, but I closed down my office and</p> <p>13 moved everything into storage, and everything's in the</p> <p>14 storage. I do have copies, yeah.</p> <p>15 <b>Q. And do any transportation companies refer</b></p> <p>16 <b>business to you?</b></p> <p>17 A. Not at all.</p> <p>18 <b>Q. Do you own a uniform carrier registration</b></p> <p>19 <b>number?</b></p> <p>20 A. Now?</p> <p>21 <b>Q. I'm sorry. Was your answer no?</b></p> <p>22 A. You mean now?</p> <p>23 <b>Q. Now, yes.</b></p> <p>24 A. I applied for.</p> <p>25 <b>Q. When did you apply?</b></p>
<p>CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / SIDHU38</p> <p>1 <b>Q. All right. And is the bus in your name,</b></p> <p>2 <b>Mr. Sidhu?</b></p> <p>3 A. Yes, it's under my name. And I attempt to</p> <p>4 change to my name, d/b/a JJ's Best Limo.</p> <p>5 <b>Q. And the registration that Mr. Turcott testified</b></p> <p>6 <b>about, is that the registration of the vehicle that</b></p> <p>7 <b>we're discussing now?</b></p> <p>8 A. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>9 <b>Q. All right. And you testified that you were</b></p> <p>10 <b>working on getting insurance.</b></p> <p>11 <b>Does that mean that this bus currently is not</b></p> <p>12 <b>insured?</b></p> <p>13 A. No, it was insured under my personal name, but</p> <p>14 now I switch over for the 5 million liability.</p> <p>15 <b>Q. Do you operate any other vehicles that are owned</b></p> <p>16 <b>by any other person or entity?</b></p> <p>17 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>18 <b>Q. You testified that you farm out business. Do</b></p> <p>19 <b>you also farm out limo business?</b></p> <p>20 A. Everything, limo, town car, busses, charter</p> <p>21 busses.</p> <p>22 <b>Q. And how do you ensure that you're farming out</b></p> <p>23 <b>your business to carriers that have the proper licensing</b></p> <p>24 <b>either under Department of Licensing or this Commission</b></p> <p>25 <b>or any other regulatory entity?</b></p>	<p>CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / SIDHU40</p> <p>1 A. June 10, 2016.</p> <p>2 <b>Q. And a quick question about your name.</b></p> <p>3 <b>Do you also go by the name of Geetar,</b></p> <p>4 <b>G-E-E-T-A-R?</b></p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 <b>Q. All right. Would you agree to refund</b></p> <p>7 <b>Mr. Hornsby's deposit if we placed you in contact with</b></p> <p>8 <b>Mr. Hornsby?</b></p> <p>9 A. I'd love to.</p> <p>10 <b>Q. All right. Now I'm going to ask you a couple of</b></p> <p>11 <b>questions about a Yelp review that Mr. Turcott</b></p> <p>12 <b>identified, and I'm going to ask you to look at</b></p> <p>13 <b>Exhibit No. MT-4, and to turn to page 5.</b></p> <p>14 <b>And do you recall seeing this review before?</b></p> <p>15 A. Yeah, I remember that one.</p> <p>16 <b>Q. You remember that one?</b></p> <p>17 A. Yeah.</p> <p>18 <b>Q. All right. On the second page of the printout</b></p> <p>19 <b>of the review, which is page 6 --</b></p> <p>20 A. Um-hmm.</p> <p>21 <b>Q. -- in the paragraph that's labeled 4, it states</b></p> <p>22 <b>there that the door didn't open correctly on one side</b></p> <p>23 <b>and you had to stick your hand up in some hole to open</b></p> <p>24 <b>the door. It seemed patched together inside and was</b></p> <p>25 <b>just a hot mess. And it goes on.</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / SIDHU41</b></p> <p>1 Is this -- was this a vehicle that you own?  2 A. No.  3 <b>Q. Whose vehicle is this?</b>  4 A. Brar Limo Service. Brar. It's a 30-passenger.  5 <b>Q. Is this particular vehicle advertised on the</b>  6 <b>JJ Limo website?</b>  7 A. Yes.  8 <b>Q. All right. Let's --</b>  9 A. No, it's not there.  10 <b>Q. I'm sorry?</b>  11 A. It's not there. I just added it.  12 <b>Q. I see.</b>  13 A. It should be there. I don't know -- no, I don't  14 know.  15 <b>Q. So do you know whether or not repairs were made</b>  16 <b>to this bus to repair the door?</b>  17 A. Yeah. Rick said the one door was messed up, so  18 he went to fix it.  19 <b>Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Sidhu. This was -- you said this</b>  20 <b>was Jim Brar's vehicle or this is someone --</b>  21 A. Brar, Rick Brar.  22 <b>Q. Oh, Rick Brar.</b>  23 A. He fixed the bus up there.  24 <b>Q. Have you personally observed that the vehicle is</b>  25 <b>fixed?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT43</b></p> <p>1 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I would like to take  2 a brief recess to review those documents and also have a  3 brief discussion with Staff.  4 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  5 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you.  6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. We'll be off the  7 record then.  8 (A break was taken from  9 10:27 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.)  10 JUDGE PEARSON: All right. We are back on  11 the record following a brief recess.  12 And Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski, you can proceed  13 when you're ready.  14 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you,  15 your Honor.  16 *** DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI ***  17 BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI:  18 <b>Q. Mr. Turcott, are you recommending that a penalty</b>  19 <b>be assessed against JJ Limousine?</b>  20 A. Yes, I am.  21 <b>Q. And what is the basis of the penalty?</b>  22 A. Your Honor, the basis of our recommendation for  23 penalty is the Company's history as well as the  24 Commission's enforcement policy in Docket A-120061.  25 <b>Q. And what amount of penalty does Staff recommend</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / SIDHU42</b></p> <p>1 A. Yes. When I got the call -- when I got the  2 call, the next day I called him and asked him, and he  3 talked to his driver, and I told him, look, what  4 happened to the door? He said, we'll fix it. He said,  5 the handle broke on the bus, the lever.  6 <b>Q. When you say the next day, what are you</b>  7 <b>referring to, the next day after what?</b>  8 A. Somebody called me from the rental place. The  9 one who rented the bus called me and complained, so I  10 said -- I said, I'll get back to you. So I get back to  11 her after the next day. I said, let me check with the  12 owner.  13 So I checked with him. I say, is this what  14 happened? He said, yeah, it happened when the bus got  15 there, and the lever just broke off when -- and he'll  16 fix it. So I called back to the person and said -- and  17 I didn't know -- I didn't know she put it on Yelp.  18 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I have no further  19 questions for Mr. Sidhu.  20 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.  21 So if you would like to recall Mr. Turcott  22 at this time.  23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Your Honor, I  24 believe that Mr. Sidhu brought some documents with him.  25 JUDGE PEARSON: Oh, all right.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT44</b></p> <p>1 that the Commission assess against JJ Limousine?  2 A. Staff recommends the maximum penalty of \$5,000  3 for each of three violations, for a total of \$15,000.  4 <b>Q. And are these three violations based on the</b>  5 <b>website advertisement, the e-mail offer and the</b>  6 <b>agreement with Mr. Hornsby?</b>  7 A. Yes.  8 <b>Q. All righty. And are you recommending the</b>  9 <b>maximum penalty, then, for each of these violations?</b>  10 A. That's correct.  11 <b>Q. And are you recommending that the full \$15,000</b>  12 <b>be due and payable now?</b>  13 A. Yes, your Honor. We would recommend that the  14 maximum be imposed; however, we would like to recommend  15 suspension of \$10,000 of the penalty on a number of  16 conditions.  17 <b>Q. And what are the conditions that you recommend?</b>  18 A. We'd like to see Mr. Sidhu either operate a safe  19 and legally certificated charter company, as appears to  20 be his desire and his passion, or to cease and desist  21 immediately, which includes no trips, no advertising,  22 cease operating for a period of one year with the 10,000  23 held in suspension.  24 <b>Q. And you stated that the penalty recommendation</b>  25 <b>considers Mr. Sidhu's history of compliance. And does</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT45</b></p> <p>1 it also consider his willingness or lack thereof to  2 comply with State laws requiring charter party carriers  3 to obtain a certificate before engaging in business as a  4 charter party carrier under RCW 81.70?  5 A. That's correct.  6 <b>Q. And can you -- can you elaborate a bit on what  7 you considered?</b>  8 A. Yes. This company, as we've mentioned earlier  9 this morning, since 2006 has been in and out of  10 compliance as far as a certificate 14 times. Staff is  11 quite familiar with this company.  12 This company made local news in 2013 when their  13 vehicle broke down on I-405 with 20 high school students  14 headed to a dance. That was May 14th, and on May 21st,  15 the Company submitted an application for a charter  16 certificate.  17 The Company has been very hard to contact,  18 nonresponsive to technical assistance. Investigator  19 Betty Young, investigator Pam Smith and I have all  20 worked with the Company over the years. Pam Smith  21 received incorrect information when she called the  22 Company. She was told the Company was shutting down.  23 The Company operates out of a Pony Express mailbox  24 store. There is no physical location for the Company.  25 After voluntarily cancelling in July of 2015,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT47</b></p> <p>1 That trip that you booked, was that -- you  2 stated July, I believe, just a moment ago. Did you mean  3 June?  4 A. My mistake. June 9th, 2016.  5 <b>Q. Thank you.</b>  6 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Your Honor, I do  7 have a brief closing argument if you would like to hear  8 that.  9 JUDGE PEARSON: Yes. I just want to clarify  10 Staff's recommendations.  11 So the Company must either complete its  12 application or cease and desist -- and also cease and  13 desist until that application is approved.  14 MR. TURCOTT: That's correct.  15 JUDGE PEARSON: Do you have a deadline by  16 which you'd like to see the application completed as a  17 condition of the suspension, or just -- either don't  18 operate or complete the application by whatever date?  19 MR. TURCOTT: Your Honor, we've been in  20 contact with the Company for almost a month now,  21 since -- over a month, since June 4th. Mr. Sidhu is  22 working hard on his application, it appears. And I  23 think that we would go another 15 days and expect it all  24 to be completed, or to have the website down.  25 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Website down and</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI / TURCOT46</b></p> <p>1 the website stayed up. The Company continued to offer  2 and provide transportation. We talked about three  3 violations in the complaint. We also know -- let me  4 just -- I'll go through all seven of them.  5 Michael Hornsby booked a trip, October 2015; Pam  6 Smith booked a trip in November; in February, the bus  7 was at the Tukwila Family Fun Center full of  8 Skyline High School -- or after transporting Skyline  9 High School students; Deb Sisk (phonetic) of Puyallup,  10 we talked about her experience on Yelp in April of this  11 year; May 21st was a prom night, the bus was observed  12 parked in downtown Seattle; and I contacted the bus on  13 June 4th with a load of Mount Si High School students;  14 and I booked a trip on July 9th. So consistently, over  15 the past nine months, the Company has operated after  16 voluntarily surrendering his certificate.  17 Our enforcement policy puts the safety of the  18 traveling public first. We consider -- when we make our  19 recommendations, we consider harm to the public; number  20 of customers affected; history of past compliance and  21 violations; is the Company cooperative and responsive;  22 does the Company come into compliance or continue its  23 violations; as well as the number of violations and the  24 likelihood of recurrence.  25 <b>Q. And you just talked about booking your trip.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">48</p> <p>1 application completed within 15 days?  2 MR. TURCOTT: One or the other.  3 JUDGE PEARSON: One or the other.  4 MR. TURCOTT: Either have it all done,  5 submitted and complete, or make the decision not to do  6 the business at this time.  7 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And what about --  8 does Staff have any desire to inspect the vehicle? Do  9 you want to attach that condition, or have you done that  10 already?  11 MR. TURCOTT: I believe that's part of the  12 application process.  13 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  14 MR. TURCOTT: They will -- field staff will  15 assist with that and help the vehicle -- help the  16 Company at that point.  17 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you for that  18 clarification.  19 You can go ahead and make a closing  20 statement now.  21 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you,  22 your Honor.  23 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.  24 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Pursuant to RCW  25 81.70.220, it is illegal to engage in the business of a</p>

<p>49</p> <p>1 charter party carrier within the state of Washington                  2 without first obtaining a certificate from the                  3 Commission or registering as an interstate carrier.                  4 "Charter party carrier" is defined at RCW                  5 81.70.020 as "every person engaged in the transportation                  6 over any public highways in this state of a group of                  7 persons who, pursuant to a common purpose, and under a                  8 single contract, acquire the use of a motor vehicle to                  9 travel together as a group to a specified destination,                  10 or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in                  11 advance or modified by the chartered group after leaving                  12 the place of origin.                  13 "Engaging in the business of a charter party                  14 carrier includes advertising or soliciting, offering or                  15 entering into an agreement to provide such service. Any                  16 person who engages in the business of a charter party                  17 carrier without the required certificate is subject to a                  18 penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation under RCW                  19 81.70.220.                  20 "It is also unlawful for a charter party                  21 carrier whose license has been cancelled to conduct any                  22 operations as such a carrier. The Commission may assess                  23 penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation under RCW                  24 81.70.260."                  25 For the purposes of Chapter 81.70 RCW, the</p>	<p>51</p> <p>1 carrier in Washington, and Staff does not believe that                  2 JJ Limousine has met its burden to prove that it should                  3 not be classified as a charter party carrier.                  4 Staff has shown that JJ Limousine entered                  5 into an agreement with Mr. Hornsby to transport 20 high                  6 school students to a prom in Mill Creek, Washington,                  7 last fall.                  8 JJ Limousine advertises on its website                  9 transportation and party busses and other vehicles that                  10 seat more than 14 passengers.                  11 Mr. Sidhu has explained that he's farming                  12 out transportation, but we simply don't have any                  13 evidence beyond what he's said here today about which                  14 vehicles he's operating and exactly which companies are                  15 transporting passengers. He has brought no                  16 documentation or anything to support some of his                  17 statements.                  18 When Mr. Turcott contacted JJ Limousine                  19 posing as a customer, JJ Limousine offered to transport                  20 30 passengers in a 40-person party bus to the Meridian                  21 Grange in Kent, Washington.                  22 The Commission should classify JJ Limousine                  23 as a charter party carrier, and as Mr. Turcott                  24 recommended, issue a cease and desist order against                  25 JJ Limousine.</p>
<p>50</p> <p>1 definition of "motor vehicle" is "every self-propelled                  2 vehicle with seating capacity for seven or more persons,                  3 excluding the driver."                  4 The Department of Licensing regulates                  5 limousine carriers that operate vehicles seating up to                  6 14 passengers, not including the driver. For reference,                  7 see the Department of Licensing regulation, WAC                  8 308-83-010.                  9 The overlapping jurisdiction between                  10 Department of Licensing and the Commission in regulating                  11 charter party carriers has long been -- has been long                  12 since resolved, and jurisdiction divides at the                  13 14-passenger mark.                  14 This means that charter carriers operating                  15 vehicles seating more than 14 passengers, excluding the                  16 driver, must have a certificate for the Commission.                  17 And for reference, see In Re: Determining                  18 the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for                  19 Penalties against DKRR, Inc., doing business as Five                  20 Star Limousine Services, Docket TE-121686, Order 03,                  21 final order, served April 11, 2013, and Order 02,                  22 initial order, served March 7, 2013.                  23 Regarding classification of this carrier,                  24 Staff has provided evidence demonstrating that                  25 JJ Limousine has been operating as a charter party</p>	<p>52</p> <p>1 Regarding the complaint against the Company,                  2 Staff recommends that the Commission find JJ Limousine                  3 committed three violations of RCW 81.70.220 and RCW                  4 81.70.260 for a total of three violations.                  5 And you heard Mr. Turcott testify that the                  6 maximum penalty of \$5,000 should be assessed for each of                  7 these three violations, and this is appropriate given                  8 Mr. Sidhu's decade of experience with the Commission's                  9 certificate requirement.                  10 JJ Limousine has held a charter certificate                  11 on and off since 2006. JJ Limousine first received                  12 charter authority on September 8, 2006, in Docket                  13 TE-061343.                  14 And as Mr. Turcott has testified, and                  15 referring to the chart in Ms. Smith's investigation                  16 report, JJ's authority was cancelled several times due                  17 to a failure to file proof of insurance. The Company's                  18 authority was also reinstated several times.                  19 We know that Mr. Sidhu is currently working                  20 on filing an application, but that application is                  21 currently incomplete. Staff is very concerned that one                  22 of the items missing is proof of insurance. We                  23 understand that Mr. Sidhu is working to get that                  24 resolved today; however, that's even a little too late.                  25 After a decade of losing and regaining</p>

<p>53</p> <p>1 charter authority, Mr. Sidhu certainly knows he needs                  2 insurance, and should be familiar with the Commission's                  3 liability insurance requirements, and he definitely                  4 knows that he requires a charter certificate.                  5 Mr. Sidhu has received technical assistance                  6 throughout the years. During one of the times when                  7 JJ Limousine did not have a certificate in 2009, the                  8 Company sent Mr. Sidhu a technical assistance letter                  9 advising him to file an application as the Commission                  10 had received information that he was operating as a                  11 charter carrier. This letter is at pages 74 to 75 in                  12 Ms. Smith's investigation report.                  13 Again, during another certificate gap in                  14 2012, the Commission sent Mr. Sidhu a technical                  15 assistance letter advising him to file an application as                  16 the Commission had received information that he was                  17 operating as a charter carrier. This letter is at pages                  18 76 to 77 in Ms. Smith's investigation report.                  19 In 2013, when JJ Limousine did not hold a                  20 certificate, the Company was caught operating without a                  21 certificate, and this is what Mr. -- this is what                  22 Mr. Turcott testified about. This was the                  23 transportation of high school students in Snohomish                  24 County.                  25 At that time, Staff reminded Mr. Sidhu that</p>	<p>55</p> <p>1 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.                  2 Mr. Sidhu, did you have anything you'd like                  3 to say in closing, or did you want to respond to Staff's                  4 recommendation?                  5 MS. GOODIN: I do. As far as Mr. Hornsby is                  6 concerned, I think there's only the evidence that --                  7 it's a declaration. There's nothing to say whether he                  8 actually even purchased services, that's A, because he's                  9 saying he farmed that out.                  10 Also, Mr. Turcott on his e-mail, obviously a                  11 30-passenger bus, that was a 2008. JJ Limousine does                  12 not own a 2008 30-passenger bus. It's a 2001                  13 40-passenger bus. So I think on those two violations                  14 that you're wanting to charge \$5,000 for each, I don't                  15 think either one of those can be proven beyond a                  16 reasonable doubt that JJ's Best Limousine provided                  17 service and/or response to that.                  18 JUDGE PEARSON: Can I get you to state and                  19 spell your name again?                  20 MS. GOODIN: Yeah. It's Nanette,                  21 N-a-n-e-t-t-e.                  22 JUDGE PEARSON: Sorry. N-a --                  23 MS. GOODIN: N-a-n-e-t-t-e, Goodin,                  24 G-o-o-d-i-n.                  25 JUDGE PEARSON: And what is your role with</p>
<p>54</p> <p>1 he must cease providing all charter and excursion                  2 services subject to Commission regulation until the                  3 Commission granted the Company's certificate, and Staff                  4 warned that if it found evidence that JJ Limo provided                  5 additional passenger transportation services without the                  6 required certificate, Staff would ask the Commission to                  7 take enforcement action against JJ Limo, including                  8 assessing monetary penalties.                  9 Staff's technical assistance e-mail is at                  10 page 70 in Ms. Smith's investigation report. And                  11 despite the technical assistance, the warning and the                  12 knowledge of the Commission's requirements, Mr. Smith                  13 continued to engage -- I'm sorry -- Mr. Sidhu continued                  14 to engage in business as a charter party carrier without                  15 a certificate.                  16 And not only this, but a mere three days                  17 after speaking with Mr. Turcott and learning of the                  18 enforcement proceeding against JJ Limousine, the Company                  19 once again offered to provide charter transportation.                  20 The maximum penalty is appropriate in this                  21 case. We are happy -- we were happy to hear Mr. Sidhu                  22 testify that he would work with Mr. Hornsby to offer a                  23 refund of Mr. Hornsby's deposit, and we look forward to                  24 working with Mr. Sidhu on that issue.                  25 And that concludes Staff's case.</p>	<p>56</p> <p>1 the Company?                  2 MS. GOODIN: I'm just a friend. I'm his                  3 driver.                  4 JUDGE PEARSON: You're what?                  5 MS. GOODIN: I'm his driver today.                  6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Is there anything                  7 you'd like to say, Mr. Sidhu?                  8 MS. GOODIN: He's basically saying that                  9 either one of those charges that he's being assessed for                  10 were not his vehicles.                  11 JUDGE PEARSON: So I understand what you're                  12 talking about, the e-mail back to Mr. Turcott. But what                  13 is the other vehicle that he's denying ownership of?                  14 MS. GOODIN: Well, the Hornsby -- I mean,                  15 there's no -- it's a declaration, but there's -- that                  16 was farmed out to another company. I don't know that --                  17 we don't even know that he collected any money. It's a                  18 declaration that just states that he made a deposit.                  19 Well, where's the evidence that shows there was a                  20 deposit that was accepted by JJ Limousine Service? You                  21 know, I don't think there's any evidence there other                  22 than the declaration that he made.                  23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: May I respond,                  24 your Honor?                  25 JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.</p>

<p>57</p> <p>1 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: So in order to show  2 that a carrier is operating, what we need is an  3 agreement to transport passengers, and that's what  4 Mr. Hornsby's declaration shows is that there was --  5 that a trip was booked with JJ Limousine, and that's --  6 that's what is required in order to show that a carrier  7 is engaging in charter party carrier transportation.  8 JUDGE PEARSON: Did you have anything  9 further?  10 MS. GOODIN: You're saying it's booked  11 through but farmed out to another company?  12 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: From the customer's  13 perspective --  14 MS. GOODIN: He's obviously calling  15 JJ Limousine.  16 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: From the customer's  17 perspective, the customer is booking a trip with  18 JJ Limousine.  19 MS. GOODIN: Right. I understand that.  20 JUDGE PEARSON: Anything further, Mr. Sidhu?  21 MR. SIDHU: (Nods head.)  22 JUDGE PEARSON: No? Okay.  23 Well, thank you for coming here today. I  24 will take everything that was said here today and all of  25 the exhibits under advisement, and issue an order</p>	<p>59</p> <p>1 C E R T I F I C A T E  2  3 S T A T E O F W A S H I N G T O N )  4 ) S S  C O U N T Y O F K I N G )  5  6  7 I, ANITA W. SELF, a Certified Shorthand Reporter  8 in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify  9 that the foregoing transcript is true and accurate to  10 the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.  11 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  12 and seal this 15th day of July, 2016.  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____  ANITA W. SELF, RPR, CCR #3032</p>
<p>58</p> <p>1 reflecting my decision within the next ten days.  2 MR. SIDHU: Okay.  3 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.  4 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you,  5 your Honor.  6 MS. GOODIN: Thank you.  7 JUDGE PEARSON: Then we are adjourned.  8 Thank you.  9 (Hearing concluded at 11:02 a.m.)  10  11 -o0o-  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25</p>	