

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application of	)	DOCKET TV-130259
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B&Z MOVING, L.L.C.	)	NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY
	)	APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT
for a permit to operate as a motor carrier	)	AUTHORITY;
of household goods.	)	
	)	NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
.....	)	HEARING

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1 **Nature of Proceeding.** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) hereby provides notice of its intention to deny B&Z Moving L.L.C.’s (B&Z Moving or Applicant) application for permanent authority for failure to meet the application requirements in RCW 81.80 and WAC 480-15.

2 **Procedural Background.** On February 13, 2013, B&Z Moving filed with the Commission an application requesting authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington under RCW 81.80 and WAC 480-15. Zachary Gripp, the company’s owner, signed the application.

3 Commission Staff has reviewed the application, and has recommended that the Commission deny the Applicant’s permit, for reasons set out below.

**II. APPLICABLE LAW**

4 RCW 81.80.075(3) requires the Commission to consider whether an applicant for a household goods carrier permit is fit to perform the services proposed and conform to the requirements, rules and regulations of the Commission, and whether the operations are consistent with the public interest.

5 The Commission will grant or deny an application for permanent authority after it conducts a complete review of the application, including supporting statements, reports or other information necessary to determine fitness, public interest, and current or future public convenience and necessity.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> WAC 480-15-330(2).

6 The Commission rules provide that the Commission may reject or deny an application for permanent authority if the Commission believes the applicant is unfit, or if issuing the permit is not in the public interest. WAC 480-15-330 sets out specific factors the Commission may consider, which include:

- The application indicates evidence of fraud, misrepresentation or erroneous information;<sup>2</sup>
- Other circumstances exist that cause the Commission to believe issuing the permit is not in the public interest.<sup>3</sup>

7 If it is necessary to resolve outstanding issues or concerns related to fitness or the public interest, or any other issue resulting from a complaint or public comment, the Commission may hold a hearing or brief adjudicative proceeding on any application for permanent authority.<sup>4</sup>

### III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8 Commission Staff makes the following factual allegations based on its review and investigation of the application.

9 On November 28, 2012, staff found a listing on [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) for “B & Z Moving.” The advertisement offered “2 men and a truck for \$80 per hour” with contact information for “Billy at 206-380-6463.” Staff sent an email to the company using an assumed name requesting information about rates for a residential a move and the company’s physical location. Staff received a response from “Billy,” with an email address of [bandzmoving@yahoo.com](mailto:bandzmoving@yahoo.com), who stated he was located in Burien. Staff sent a second email requesting the company’s specific location, and Billy provided an address of 11712 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98168. Staff conducted a reverse-directory search of the phone number listed on Craigslist, and established that the number belonged to an individual named Billy Trick.

10 On February 1, 2013, the commission sent a compliance letter to Billy Trick at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue address in Seattle. On February 4, Zachary Gripp contacted the commission to acknowledge receipt of the compliance letter.

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<sup>2</sup> WAC 480-15-330(4)(b).

<sup>3</sup> WAC 480-15-330(4)(g).

<sup>4</sup> WAC 480-15-350.

- 11 On February 13, 2013, Mr. Gripp applied for a household goods permit. On the application, Mr. Gripp listed an address of 11712 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Seattle, WA 98168, the same address provided by Mr. Trick. The application also lists Mr. Gripp's email address as [zacthemaniac@comcast.net](mailto:zacthemaniac@comcast.net).
- 12 An Internet search for telephone number (206) 380-6463 produced a link to [www.betterthanrestmoversusa.com](http://www.betterthanrestmoversusa.com), which displays the names "Billy and Zac," the telephone numbers (253) 355-1792, (206) 380-6463, and a link to the company's Facebook and Twitter pages. The company's Facebook page displays an address of 11712 8<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Seattle, WA, and an email address, [zacthemaniac@comcast.net](mailto:zacthemaniac@comcast.net). The company's Twitter page displays the name "Zac Gripp @betterthanrestW." A search conducted on [www.spokeo.com](http://www.spokeo.com) for the email address [zacthemaniac@comcast.net](mailto:zacthemaniac@comcast.net) produced Zachary Gripp's personal Facebook page.
- 13 On Feb. 27, 2013, staff conducted an internet search for the name "William Trick," which produced a link to the name "William Anthony Trick" on the King County Sheriff's Sex Offender Watch website. The website indicated that Mr. Trick was convicted of child molestation in the first degree on Nov. 27, 1999, and was released on May 21, 2004. Comments on the website state: "William Trick sexually assaulted two 7-year-old females. Trick was acquainted with the victim's mother through their employment. Trick had a history of volunteering at daycares and children overseas services. He had also serviced [sic] as a soccer and wrestling coach." The website further indicated that William Anthony Trick, a Level II registered sex-offender, lives on the 11700 block of 8th Ave S Seattle, WA 98168, consistent with the address that both Mr. Trick and Mr. Gripp provided to staff, and which appears on the company's permit application.
- 14 A Facebook profile for "Billy Trick" displays photos that match the photo of William Anthony Trick on the King County Sheriff's website. The profile photo displays Mr. Trick with a brunette woman and a blonde boy.
- 15 A Facebook profile for "Zachary Gripp" that is linked to the email address that Mr. Gripp provided, [zacthemaniac@comcast.net](mailto:zacthemaniac@comcast.net), and matches Mr. Gripp's driver's license photo, displays Mr. Gripp's sister as "Ashley Gripp." Ashley Gripp's Facebook page displays a profile photo identical to Mr. Trick's, and lists under "history by year," that she "got engaged to Billy Trick in 2012."
- 16 On February 27, 2013, staff emailed Billy at [bandzmoving@yahoo.com](mailto:bandzmoving@yahoo.com) and asked who else is involved with the company. On February 28, Billy responded "I would be bringing my business partner zac along to do the move! You can also check us out on line as well at [www.bandzmoving.com](http://www.bandzmoving.com)." Staff viewed the website, [www.bandzmoving.com](http://www.bandzmoving.com), and found an advertisement listing Billy Trick and Zac Gripp under "contacts." Mr. Trick lists a telephone number of (206) 380-6463 and an email address of [billy@bandzmoving.com](mailto:billy@bandzmoving.com). Mr. Gripp lists a contact telephone number of (253) 355-1792.

- 17 On March 6, Staff observed that the statements-of-support submitted with the company's application contained language inconsistent with Mr. Gripp's claim on the application that he is the sole owner of B&Z Moving. Supporter Kristin Smith of Seattle wrote, "I think *they* would be a great asset to our community and benefit a ton of people." Supporter Wendy Petronave of Mountlake Terrace, WA, wrote, "*They* are located in Downtown Seattle and very convient [sic] for many people." And supporter James Collyer, MD, of Seattle stated, "*Both these individuals* are trust-worthy [sic] and hard-working which would benefit anyone needing a mover." [Emphasis added].
- 18 The household goods permit application submitted by Mr. Gripp was received via facsimile from "Westside Dermatology." Ashley Gripp's Facebook profile lists her employer as "Westside Dermatology." Supporter James Collyer, MD, is a physician for Westside Dermatology; supporter Wendy Petronave is an employee.
- 19 Staff contacted Dr. James Collyer on March 6, 2013. After verifying his information and comments on his statement of support, Staff asked Dr. Collyer to please verify the owner of B&Z Moving L.L.C. Dr. Collyer replied, "The owners are Zachary Gripp and Billy Trick."
- 20 When Commission Licensing Services Staff contacted Mr. Gripp to inquire about the ownership of the business, Mr. Gripp stated that his "brother-in-law" was assisting him with obtaining support statements. Mr. Trick is engaged to Mr. Gripp's sister, Ashley Gripp.
- 21 Staff believes that Zachary Gripp intentionally submitted a household goods permit application that contains false information to conceal the fact that his business partner, William A. Trick, is a Level II registered sex-offender, which may prohibit the company from obtaining a permit under commission fitness standards.
- 22 These allegations, if not satisfactorily rebutted, support factual findings that the application contains a significant misrepresentation, and that Mr. Gripp has a business partner, Mr. Trick, who is a Level II registered sex-offender. Such factual findings, in turn, support the conclusion that issuing the permit is not in the public interest, and the application should be denied.
- 23 **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.** B&Z Moving L.L.C. may request a hearing to contest the factual allegations set out in this notice. B&Z Moving may request such a hearing by filing a written request for a hearing with the Commission by **April 9, 2013**. An original and five (5) paper copies of the request must be directed to the attention of Steven V. King, Acting Executive Director and Secretary, Washington

Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250, and must reference Docket TV-130259.

- 24 If B&Z Moving requests a hearing by **April 9, 2013**, the Commission will schedule a brief adjudicative proceeding under RCW 34.05.482 and WAC 480-07-610. If B&Z Moving does not request a hearing by that date, the Commission will enter an order rejecting the application for permanent authority.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 26, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING  
Acting Executive Director and Secretary