#### BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

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.

**DOCKET TE-151982** 

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL TURCOTT

- I, MICHAEL TURCOTT, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declare as follows:
- I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, and competent to be a witness.
- I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as the Compliance Investigations Supervisor. Before that I was employed as a Compliance Investigator. My duties included investigating transportation companies that appeared to be providing regulated services without the proper authority. I have been employed by the Commission for three years.
- I conducted an investigation of JJ's Best Limousine Service (JJ Limousine) that resulted in the classification and complaint proceeding in this docket.
- In an order entered July 11, 2016, the Commission classified JJ Limousine as a charter party and excursion service carrier, and ordered JJ Limousine to cease and desist from charter party and excursion services without first obtaining a permit from the Commission.
- The Commission also ordered JJ Limousine to pay a penalty of \$15,000, and suspended a \$10,000 portion of the penalty for two years on the following conditions:
  - 1. JJ Limousine must submit a complete application for a certificate to operate as a charter party or excursion carrier no later than July 26, 2016;
  - 2. JJ Limousine must refrain permanently from further operations as a charter party and excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission;
  - 3. JJ Limousine must refund \$318 to Michael Hornsby no later than July 26, 2016; and
  - 4. JJ Limousine must comply with all applicable statutes and Commission rules.

- JJ Limousine submitted an incomplete charter application on June 10, 2016. The application was missing proof of insurance. There were also discrepancies with the company's USDOT number, vehicles listed on the application, and physical address.
- 8 JJ Limousine completed its application on October 25, 2016, and the Commission issued charter certificate CH-067409 to JJ Limousine on October 26, 2016.
- The Commission cancelled the company's certificate for lack of insurance on February 14, 2017, in Docket TE-170096
- JJ Limousine refunded \$318 to Mr. Hornsby on July 10, 2016.
- JJ Limousine failed to pay the non-suspended \$5,000 portion of the penalty.
- On May 14, 2018, I received an email from Jess Sandhu of A-A Limo with information about a customer who he believed had booked a party bus with JJ Limousine for the Monroe High School prom on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Mr. Sandhu provided the name of the customer, Tina P. Morse (Shriner), and telephone number, (425) 241-8448.
- I called Ms. Morse and learned that she had searched for party buses on the Internet and located the website for JJ Limousine, <a href="www.jjlimo.com">www.jjlimo.com</a>. Ms. Morse called JJ Limousine using the telephone number displayed on the website and reached an agreement with the company for transportation in the Mukilteo, WA, area, in the company's 40-passenger party bus.
- Ms. Morse told me the transportation was for her daughter's high school prom on Saturday, May 19, 2018, and was to include 33 of her friends as passengers. Ms. Morse emailed me and provided smart phone screenshots showing confirmation text messages from May 12 and 13 received from (206) 617-5466 and signed "JJ". This is the same cell phone number I used in the past to reach "JJ", Jeet Sidhu. The text messages confirmed Ms. Morse's \$1900 deposit for a 40-passenger party bus on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Mukilteo, and included an interior image of a party bus equipped with perimeter seating, a dance pole, and customized colored lighting.<sup>1</sup>
- On May 16, 2018, I visited the website <a href="www.jjlimo.com">www.jjlimo.com</a> and observed advertising for charter party and excursion services, including party bus transportation, which require Commission authority. Specifically, the homepage includes advertisement for "Seattle's #1 Source for Limo and Party Bus Rentals" and lists a "40 Passenger Party Bus" as one of the company's vehicles. The page linked to the "Our Fleet" tab advertises a 22 passenger party bus, a 40 passenger party bus, a 57 passenger motor coach, a 30 passenger Hummer stretch limo, a 30 passenger party bus, and a 20 passenger Escalade stretch limo, all of which require Commission authority.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Attachment A, Tina Morse email, May 14, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Attachment B, screenshot of www.jjlimo.com homepage and selected webpages, captured May 14, 2018.

MICHAEL TURCOTT

## ATTACHMENT A

From: To: Subject:

Tina Morse Turcott, Mike (UTC) Fwd: Receipt from JUST LIMOUSINE Monday, May 14, 2018 9:45:42 AM Date: Attachments:

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Mike:

I've got the receipt as well as text information from +1 (206) 617-5466. Per our conversation, my step daughter had another contract fall through with Everett Limo. We were talking to A&A but they would not know until this morning if they had a party bus available. The bus below with J&J was available and a little less money so emma asked that I go with J&J.

I'll let you know if he willingly cancels and cancels my charges. Please don't contact him today as I am working through this and would like for him to cancel charges.

Tina Shriner

425-241-8448











Text Message Saturday 6:28 PM

Hi Tina, We receieved full payment forMay 19th reservation. We are all confirmed. Thank you for your business. JJ.

> JJ, could you confirm back for 40 passenger bus at 5pm in Mulkiteo? I will send the itinerary tomorrow.

Yes 40 passenger party bus pick up from Mulkiteo.

Yesterday 2:50 PM









Text Message



Sent from my iPhone

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