

**Exh. MD-1T
Docket TV-180605
Witness: Michael Dotson**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application of

DOLLY, INC.

**for a permit to operate as a motor carrier
of household goods and a permit to
operate as a motor freight common
carrier**

DOCKET TV-180605

TESTIMONY OF

Michael Dotson

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Unfitness and Provisional Authority

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

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3 Q. Please state your name and business address.

4 A. My name is Michael Dotson. My office address is 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive
5 Southwest, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504. My email address is
6 michael.dotson@utc.wa.gov.

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8 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

9 A. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
10 (Commission) as a transportation specialist in the Licensing Services section.

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12 Q. How long have you been employed by the Commission?

13 A. I have been employed with the Commission since February, 2013.

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15 Q. What are your duties as a transportation specialist?

16 A. As relevant here, I review and process all applications for operating authority made
17 by persons seeking a household goods carrier permit.

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19 Q. Have you received any training or education to help you carry out your duties
20 as a transportation specialist?

21 A. Yes. I was trained by the employee that held my position prior to me.

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1 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

2 A. Yes.

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4 **II. SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

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6 **Q. What topics will you be discussing in your testimony?**

7 A. My testimony concerns whether the Commission will grant any type of household
8 goods permit to an applicant that it finds unfit to possess operating authority.

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10 **III. UNFITNESS AND PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY**

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12 **Q. When the Commission determines that an applicant for operating authority is
13 unfit, does the Commission grant the applicant any type of authority?**

14 A. No. The Commission does not grant any kind of authority to a company it finds
15 unfit.

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17 **Q. To be clear, that means that the Commission does not even grant an unfit
18 applicant provisional household goods operating authority?**

19 A. Correct.

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21 **Q. Can you explain why not?**

22 A. Provisional authority, in the case of a household goods moving company, grants the
23 applicant the full ability to operate in Washington state. If the Commission finds a

1 company unfit to hold operating authority, granting it provisional authority would
2 put the public at an equal amount of risk as if the Commission granted it immediate
3 permanent authority. The reason the Commission determines whether an applicant is
4 fit to operate prior to issuing provisional authority is to decide if the company can
5 operate in Washington state at all.

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7 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

8 A. Yes.