

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In re Application of	)	DOCKET TV-150367
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J&S INTEGRITY MOVERS, LLC	)	ORDER 01
	)	
For a Permit to Operate as a Motor	)	ORDER DENYING APPLICATION
Carrier of Household Goods.	)	FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On February 28, 2015, J&S Integrity Movers, LLC (J&S Integrity or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application requesting permanent authority to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington under RCW 81.80 and WAC 480-15 (Application).
- 2 Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the Application and conducted an investigation into the fitness of the Company to provide the requested service. Staff’s investigation revealed that despite representations to the contrary in the Application, James H. Larkins and Samuel L. Wofford, owners of J&S Integrity, each has a criminal history spanning from 1989 to 2010 with convictions for the possession of a controlled substance or manufacture of a controlled substance. Staff further alleged that Mr. Larkin currently is disregarding Commission rules by continuing to advertise and offer to transport household goods without authority from the Commission. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission deny the Application.
- 3 On March 23, 2015, the Commission issued a notice of its intention to deny the Application for failure to meet the application requirements of RCW 81.80 and WAC 480-15 (Notice). Paragraphs 7-15 of the Notice set forth Staff’s factual allegations, which the Commission found present sufficient grounds to deny the Application in the absence of evidence to the contrary. The Notice provided J&S Integrity with an opportunity to request a hearing by April 6, 2015, to present such evidence. J&S Integrity did not request a hearing or otherwise respond to the Notice.

**DISCUSSION**

- 4 RCW 81.80.075(1) requires the Commission to issue a household goods permit to any qualified applicant found to be fit, willing, and able to perform the services proposed and conform to the applicable laws, requirements, rules, and regulations of the Commission. WAC 480-15-302 explains that the Commission may deny applications when the application indicates evidence of fraud, misrepresentation or erroneous information, or when other circumstances cause the Commission to believe issuing a permit is not in the public interest.
- 5 The uncontested findings from Staff's investigation demonstrate that the Application misrepresents the Company owners' criminal record and that those owners are failing to comply with Commission rules by advertising and offering to transport household goods without authority from the Commission. Issuing the requested permit to J&S Integrity under these circumstances would not be in the public interest. The Commission, therefore, denies the Application.

### **ORDER**

- 6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT: The application filed by J&S Integrity Movers, LLC on February 28, 2015, for a permit to operate as a household goods carrier in the state of Washington is DENIED.
- 7 The Commission has delegated authority to the Secretary to enter this Order under RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-905(1)(k).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 14, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING  
Executive Director and Secretary

**NOTICE TO PARTIES:** This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. Under WAC 480-07-904(3), you may seek Commission review of this decision. In addition to serving you a copy of the decision, the Commission will post on its Internet website for at least 14 days a listing of all matters delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision under WAC 480-07-904(1). You must file a request for Commission review of this order no later than fourteen (14) days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website. Upon timely receipt of such a request, the Commission will notify you of the procedures pursuant to which it will review the order.