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## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

MICHAEL C. ROBERTSON d/b/a MOVING PROS NORTHWEST 6

**DOCKET TV-190500** 

DECLARATION OF BRIAN BRAUN

Brian Braun, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

- 1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a compliance investigator in the Consumer Protection Section. As a compliance investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
- 2. On April 4, 2019, I found advertisements on Craigslist for a household goods moving company. The advertisement contained the business name Moving Pros North West [sic], the telephone number (253) 495-9805, and a UBI 603-416-265.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. On April 4, 2019, I searched the Washington State Department of Revenue's website. The results produced an entity name of Michael C. Robertson, d/b/a Moving Pros Northwest 6, a UBI number 603-416-265, and an address of 22117 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. E, Spanaway, WA 98387.<sup>2</sup>
- 4. On April 4, 2019, I searched Commission records and verified that Michael C. Robertson d/b/a Moving Pros Northwest 6 is not a permitted household goods carrier.
- 5. On April 11, 2019, a compliance letter was sent to Michael C. Robertson notifying Moving Pros Northwest 6 to cease and desist operations as a household goods carrier in Washington State until he obtains the required household goods carrier permit from the Commission.<sup>3</sup>
- 6. On May 3, 2019, I verified that Moving Pros Northwest was continuing to advertise as a company that offered household goods moves on Craigslist.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for a screen capture of website, printed on April 4, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Attachment B for a copy of the Dept. of Revenue record, printed on April 4, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Attachment C for a copy of Compliance Letter, dated April 11, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Attachment D for a screen capture of the website, printed on May 3, 2019.

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7. On June 12, 2019, I called (253) 495-9805 using an assumed name to obtain a quote for moving services including workers and a truck. A representative of the company, who identified himself as Mike, gave me an estimate of \$300 for two workers and a truck to move my household goods from Edgewood, Washington, to Tacoma, Washington. This was confirmed with a text message and email.<sup>5</sup>

DATED this 28th day of June, 2019, at Lacey, Washington.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Attachment E, for a copy of text messages and email, dated June 12, 2019.