## Docket No. TV-220417 - Vol. I

## In the Matter of: Mr. Muscles Moving Company, LLC





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Page 3 1 LACEY, WASHINGTON; JULY 8, 2022 2. 9:30 A.M. 3 --000--PROCEEDINGS 4 5 JUDGE PEARSON: Let's be on the record in 6 Docket TV-220417, which is captioned, In the Matter of 8 the Investigation of Mr. Muscles Moving Company LLC for compliance with Washington Administrative Codes 480-15. Today is Friday, July 8th, 2022, at 9:30 10 a.m., and we're here for a prehearing conference to 11 12 discuss the company's safety management plan, settlement negotiations, and any other procedural issues. 13 14 My name is Rayne Pearson. I use she/her pronouns, and I'm the administrative law judge presiding 15 16 over this case. 17 So let's begin by taking appearances, starting with Staff. Mr. Teimouri --18 19 MR. TEIMOURI: Thank you, Judge Pearson --JUDGE PEARSON: -- if you could just -- oh, 20 sorry -- state your name, spell your last name, and feel 21 22 free to share your pronouns. Thank you. MR. TEIMOURI: Yeah, Daniel Teimouri, 23 That's T-e-i-m, as in Mary, o-u-r-i. I'm here 24 he/him. 25 on behalf of Commission Staff. I'm an assistant

- 1 attorney general with the Washington State AAG's Office.
- JUDGE PEARSON: Great. Thank you.
- 3 And for the company?
- 4 MR. CONNER: I am Alexander Conner,
- 5 C-o-n-n-e-r, and I represent Mr. Muscles Moving Company.
- 6 JUDGE PEARSON: Great, thank you.
- 7 MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.
- JUDGE PEARSON: And it does not appear that
- 9 there is anyone else who would possibly be wishing to
- 10 enter an appearance, but I'll give it a second.
- 11 Okay. Hearing nothing, we have an
- 12 evidentiary hearing scheduled two weeks from today, on
- 13 July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. So today we're just going to
- 14 check in about the status of the company's compliance.
- 15 And so my first question, Mr. Conner, is
- 16 whether the company has filed its safety management plan
- 17 yet?
- 18 MR. CONNER: Yes, I have. I don't know if
- 19 it's been accepted. I know that there's been some
- 20 corrections that needed to be made, but I have submitted
- 21 it twice.
- JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So it sounds like
- 23 you're in the process of working with Staff to get that?
- MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.
- JUDGE PEARSON: Into compliance? Okay.

- 1 Great.
- 2 And, Mr. Teimouri, do you anticipate having
- 3 any settlement discussions with the company prior to the
- 4 hearing or just continuing to work on the safety
- 5 management plan?
- 6 MR. TEIMOURI: I think -- I think they're
- 7 actually related. I think Staff would entertain
- 8 settlement discussions after we've accepted a safety
- 9 management plan. I don't think we would like to get
- 10 into those prior to the acceptance of a safety
- 11 management plan. But once Mr. Conner is able to work,
- 12 you know, through the safety management plan, we can
- 13 then start, potentially, settlement discussions at that
- 14 time.
- JUDGE PEARSON: That makes sense.
- 16 Okay. So is there anything else that we
- 17 need to address today? All I ask is that if the
- 18 company -- or if the company and Staff are able to reach
- 19 a settlement is that you let my staff know at least 24
- 20 hours before the hearing so that we can cancel the
- 21 hearing and get the appropriate notice out.
- MR. CONNER: Can you say that one more time?
- 23 Are you saying that if I need to cancel, just to give
- 24 you the proper time ahead?
- JUDGE PEARSON: No, no. I am saying that in

- 1 the event that you and Staff are able to come to an
- 2 agreement and we don't need to have the hearing because
- 3 there's a settlement agreement, that Mr. Teimouri will
- 4 let me know so that I can cancel the hearing.
- 5 MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 MR. TEIMOURI: Yeah, that's right. I
- 7 will -- I will -- I'll send a letter as soon as we have
- 8 a settlement in principle.
- 9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Great.
- 10 So in the event that we do go forward in two
- 11 weeks, Mr. Conner, just to let you know what will happen
- 12 is we will meet like this again over Zoom and Staff will
- 13 have an opportunity to present its case, and then you
- 14 will have an opportunity ask Staff's witness any
- 15 questions, and then it will be your turn to present your
- 16 case, Staff can ask you questions after that, and then
- 17 Staff will make a recommendation with respect to your
- 18 permit.
- 19 And during that process, because you're not
- 20 represented, I can answer any questions, clarify things
- 21 for you, things like that.
- MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.
- JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Do you have any
- 24 questions?
- MR. CONNER: No questions at the moment.

Page 7 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Mr. Teimouri, is 1 2. there anything else that we need to address while we're 3 here? MR. TEIMOURI: Not at this time, Your Honor. 4 5 Thank you. 6 Well, in lieu of JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. entering a prehearing conference order, I'm just going to summarize for the record what we discussed today. 8 9 The company is working with Staff on its safety management plan and has already submitted it and 10 discussions will continue. And if the parties are able 11 12 to successfully come to an agreement, Staff's attorney will let me know and we will cancel the hearing and 13 decide the matter on a paper record. Otherwise, we will 14 reconvene on July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. to address the 15 16 status of the company's permit. 17 All right. Thank you all for being here 18 today, and we are adjourned. 19 MR. TEIMOURI: Thank you. 20 MR. CONNER: Thank you. Have a good day. 21 JUDGE PEARSON: You too. 22 (Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.) 2.3

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