

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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August 23, 2022

Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Blessed Limousine, Inc. Commission Staff's Response to Contest of Violation

Docket TE-220542

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On August 5, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment against Blessed Limousine, Inc., (Blessed Limousine or Company) in the amount of \$100 for a violation of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221, Vehicle and Driver Safety Requirements, which adopts Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 C.F.R.) Part 383 – Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties, as follows:

• One violation of 49 C.F.R. § 383.23(a)(2) – Operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) without a commercial driver's license (CDL). The Company allowed driver Clussie Bagby to operate a CMV without a valid CDL. The driver was placed out-of-service.

On August 18, 2022, the Company filed a response contesting the violation in the penalty assessment. In the response, Clussie Bagby, owner of Blessed Limousine, believes the alleged violation did not occur and asks for a hearing to present evidence, but fails to provide any relevant information to support its contest.

Blessed Limousine is required to include information to support the contested violation, otherwise the Commission will deny the request. For this reason, Staff recommends the Commission deny Blessed Limousine's request for a hearing to contest the violation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety, at (360) 867-8305, or by email at Jason.Hoxit@utc.wa.gov.

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Sincerely,

Jason Sharp Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety