

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Determining the Proper)	DOCKET TE-151667
Carrier Classification of, and Complaint)	
for Penalties against:)	ORDER 04
)	
BLESSED LIMOUSINE, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
)	FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 26, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 03, Final Order. Order 03 imposed a \$10,000 penalty against Blessed Limousine, Inc. (Blessed Limousine or Company) and suspended a \$6,000 portion of the penalty for a period of two years subject to certain conditions.
- 2 On February 1, 2016, the Company filed a Motion for Leave to Comply with Financial Penalty via Payments (Motion). The Company’s Motion acknowledges that the Company accepts the terms of Order 03, but requests installment payments for the \$4,000 unsuspended portion of the penalty.
- 3 On February 2, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a Response to the Company’s Motion. Staff supports establishing a payment plan, and recommends the Company be allowed to pay the unsuspended penalty amount of \$4,000 in 20 consecutive monthly installments of a minimum of \$200 per month. Each payment would be due and payable no later than the 5th day of each month beginning February 5, 2016. If no more than \$200 is paid each month, the final installment of \$200 would be due on September 5, 2017. The proposed payment schedule is attached to this Order as Appendix A.
- 4 Staff also recommends the Company be allowed to make additional payments in advance of these due dates or pay an increased amount on these due dates, but that no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make its timely monthly installment of \$200 until the full unsuspended amount of \$4,000 is satisfied.

5 Staff further recommends that, should the Company fail to pay any installment by the due date, or fail to pay at least the minimum amount of \$200 by the due date, the entire remaining balance of payments and the entire suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.

6 Finally, Staff recommends that, should the Company fail to comply with any condition of Order 03, Paragraph 19,¹ the entire remaining balance of payments and the entire suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.

7 In its response, Staff offers to assist the Company in its efforts to comply with Order 03. At the Company's request, Staff will review, provide feedback, and provide technical assistance related to the Company's advertising. Staff also intends to commence a review within 24 months from the date Order 03 was entered and, based on its review, provide a recommendation about whether the suspended penalty should be waived or imposed.

DISCUSSION

8 The Commission grants the Motion with the conditions Staff recommends. Payment of the penalty amount currently due in installments is reasonable as long as sufficient safeguards are in place to ensure that the Company complies with Order 03. Accordingly, the Commission adopts Staff's proposed payment schedule, subject to the conditions Staff recommends.

¹ Order 03, Paragraph 19 states:

“We impose a penalty of \$10,000 and suspend a \$6,000 portion of the penalty for a period of two years subject to the following conditions:

1) Blessed Limousine must pay the \$4,000 penalty amount that is not suspended within 10 business days of the date of this Order;

2) Blessed Limousine must either file a complete application for a certificate to operate as a charter party or excursion carrier no later than February 10, 2016, or provide documentation to the Commission's satisfaction that Blessed Limousine no longer advertises or offers to provide charter party or excursion carrier services;

3) Blessed Limousine must cease and desist offering, advertising, and providing charter party or excursion carrier services unless and until it obtains the required certificate from the Commission;

4) Blessed Limousine must allow Staff to inspect any vehicles the Company owns and uses for charter party or excursion carrier services; and

5) Blessed Limousine must comply with applicable statutes and Commission rules for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order.

If the Company complies with these conditions, the Commission will waive the suspended portion of the penalty.”

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 9 (1) Order 03 is modified to permit Blessed Limousine, Inc. to pay the \$4,000 portion of the penalty that has not been suspended in 20 consecutive monthly installments of a minimum of \$200 per month, each of which is due and payable no later than the 5th day of each month beginning February 5, 2016. If no more than \$200 is paid each month, the final installment of \$200 will be due on September 5, 2017. The full payment schedule is attached to this Order as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.
- 10 (2) If Blessed Limousine, Inc., makes additional payments in advance of the due dates or pays an increased amount on the due dates, no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make its timely monthly installment of \$200 until the full unsuspending amount of \$4,000 is satisfied.
- 11 (3) If Blessed Limousine, Inc., fails to pay any installment by the due date, or fails to pay at least the minimum amount of \$200 by the due date, the entire remaining balance of payments and the entire suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.
- 12 (4) If Blessed Limousine, Inc., fails to comply with any condition of Order 03 other than the payment installment obligations, the entire remaining balance of payments and the entire suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 3, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A
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Installment Payment Schedule		
Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	February 5, 2016	\$200.00
2	March 5, 2016	\$200.00
3	April 5, 2016	\$200.00
4	May 5, 2016	\$200.00
5	June 5, 2016	\$200.00
6	July 5, 2016	\$200.00
7	August 5, 2016	\$200.00
8	September 5, 2016	\$200.00
9	October 5, 2016	\$200.00
10	November 5, 2016	\$200.00
11	December 5, 2016	\$200.00
12	January 5, 2017	\$200.00
13	February 5, 2017	\$200.00
14	March 5, 2017	\$200.00
15	April 5, 2017	\$200.00
16	May 5, 2017	\$200.00
17	June 5, 2017	\$200.00
18	July 5, 2017	\$200.00
19	August 5, 2017	\$200.00
20	September 5, 2017	\$200.00
Total:		\$4,000.00