

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Determining the Proper)	DOCKET TV-130326
Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for)	
Penalties against:)	
)	
HARRIS, THOMAS E. d/b/a BIG EARL'S)	DECLARATION OF
MOVING AND HAULING)	MATHEW PERKINSON
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Mathew Perkinson, 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 and Communications Section. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility or transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
2. Rayne Pearson began an investigation into the activities of Thomas E. Harris d/b/a Big Earl's Moving and Hauling (Big Earl's Moving) in January 2011 because Ms. Pearson received information that Big Earl's Moving had advertisements indicating the company was conducting household goods moves within the state of Washington without a permit.
3. On January 27, 2011, Ms. Pearson mailed a compliance letter to Big Earl's Moving, instructing it to remove any advertisements and cease operating as a household goods operator until it obtained a commission issued permit.
4. On January 31, 2011, Ms. Pearson received a call from Mr. Harris who stated he received the compliance letter. Mr. Harris stated he was going to provide pack and load only services, and that he had disabled his website and taken down other advertisements.
5. On January 31, 2011, Mr. Harris emailed Ms. Pearson the following from earlharris@gmail.com, "I understand everything we discussed earlier today on the phone and I am msking [sic] the necessary changes that are required. Thanks for getting me on the right track I really appreciate your input. Thanks Earl."

6. I conducted a follow-up investigation into the activities of Big Earl's Moving in July 2012, and found advertisements indicating the company is still conducting household goods moves within the state of Washington without a permit.
7. On September 27, 2012, I mailed a compliance letter to Big Earl's Moving, however the letter was returned because the zip code on the letter was incorrect. I followed up immediately by emailing the compliance letter to Earltharris@gmail.com. I did not resend the compliance letter because at the time it was returned I could not determine why it was returned. Upon further review, I discovered the zip code was incorrect. The company did receive a compliance letter from Rayne Pearson on Jan. 27, 2011, as previously noted.
8. On January 8, 2013, I conducted an Internet search for advertising for Big Earl's Moving. I found advertisements on www.akjm80.wix.com¹, www.openhourz.com², www.showmelocal.com³, and www.switchboard.com⁴.
9. On February 25, 2013, I called telephone number (206) 450-0756, replying to the company's advertisement listed at www.akjm80.wiz.com. I used an assumed name requesting a quote, including two men and a truck, from a two bedroom in Bothell, WA to another two bedroom in Bothell a few miles apart from each other. I asked Earl if his company would be available in early March. A male answered the telephone and identified himself as Earl. Earl provided a quote of \$80 per hour for two men and a truck and confirmed he would be available in early March.
10. I reviewed Commission records related to Big Earl's Moving to determine whether the company held a household goods permit. According to Commission records, as of February 27, 2013, there is no record of Big Earl's Moving now (or ever) holding a household goods permit.
11. On February 27, 2013, I conducted an Internet search for advertising for Big Earl's Moving. I found additional advertisements on www.angieslist.com,⁵ and www.facebook.com⁶.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2013, at Olympia, Washington.

MATHEW PERKINSON

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of the January 2013 advertisement found at www.akjm80.wix.com.

² See Attachment B for a copy of the January 2013 advertisement found at www.openhourz.com.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of the January 2013 advertisement found at www.showmelocal.com.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of the January 2013 advertisement found at www.switchboard.com.

⁵ See Attachment E for a copy of the February 2013 advertisement found at www.angieslist.com.

⁶ See Attachment F for a copy of the February 2013 advertisement found at www.facebook.com.

Attachment A

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Earl's Affordable Moving CALL NOW
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FREE ESTIMATE
1-206-450-0756
[<< info@earlsmoving.com >>](mailto:info@earlsmoving.com)



\$80
*per hour for 2 men and a truck
FOR MORE INFO CLICK
*3 hour minimum charge

WHAT WE DO

- Packing
- Loading
- Unloading
- Eviction Clean Out
- Junk Removal

WHAT WE SUPPLY

- Pads/Blankets
- Furniture/Appliance Dolly
- Knowledge and Expertise

ABOUT US

My name is Earl and I started my own business moving because I wanted people to have a less expensive way of getting their things moved. I worked for the big companies for over 15 years and realized, for people to have an option that costs less, I had to be that option. I have all the experience and knowledge you'd expect from the larger companies but at a reduced price. Isn't moving expensive enough without the big companies taking all the money they can from you? Well now it doesn't have to cost as much!

CHECK LIST

Click the link below to open a printable PDF checklist to help you to make sure you are doing everything in a timely manner. This way you're not running around last minute and getting stressed out. We are here to take care of things for you so you can relax and enjoy your days.



[moving checklist](#)

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Attachment B

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Search businesses, top picks, lists, or users City, State, or Zip Code

Big Earl's Moving and Hauling e.g. san francisco, ca or 94124 Search Open Now

Results for Big Earl's Moving and Hauling near Shoreline, WA Business (182) List Top Picks Users

Refined search by:

Refine results by:

City

- seattle (56)
- lynwood (23)
- kirland (15)
- woodinville (10)
- shoreline (10)
- bolwell (10)
- kenmore (7)
- edmonds (7)
- mounlake terrace (2)
- eurell (2)

Big Earl's Moving and Hauling

Hours - Phone - Locations

Location: , Shoreline WA
Phone: (206) 450-0756
Please allow your location to determine distance.
Today's Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Featured in 0 Lists
Be the first to create [Big Earl's Moving and Hauling](#) in a List!

[Report Error](#) [Claim Big Earl's Moving and Hauling](#)

Reni Paul Atty

Hours - Phone - Locations

Location: 1110 N 175th Street Ste 202, Shoreline WA 98133
Phone: (206) 542-1840
Please allow your location to determine distance.
Today's Hours:
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Earl's Garage

Hours - Phone - Locations

Location: Shoreline, Shoreline WA
Phone:
Please allow your location to determine distance.
Today's Hours:
Featured in 0 Lists
Be the first to create [Earl's Garage](#) in a List!

[Report Error](#) [Claim Earl's Garage](#)

U-Haul Co

Hours - Phone - Locations

Location: 16503 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline WA 98133
Phone: (206) 542-7447
Please allow your location to determine distance.
Today's Hours: 7:00am - 7:00pm
Featured in 0 Lists
Be the first to create [U-Haul Co](#) in a List!

[Report Error](#) [Claim U-Haul Co](#)

Related Top Picks

<https://www.openhourz.com/search?keywords=Big+Earl's+Moving+and+Hauling&addr=Sh...> 1/8/2013

Attachment C

Home **Activity** Coupons Deals Jobs **My Locals** Help New Business Signup New Customer Service

find in

business coupons deals jobs

GET FREE

Vets HVAC Gutters & Downspout Cleaning

Related Results: Movers

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Get a free quote on your local or long distance move.
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Earl's Moving and Hauling

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Contact Info Tell a friend Follow Online

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Ad Choices

Address: 2225 192nd St SE Bothell, WA 98012
Telephone: (206)450-0756 [look up](#)
Website: [link website](#)
Category: Movers



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Southwest Missouri Moving Pros! Free Estimates. 417-283-4043
Womenandabuckspringfield.com

General Information

Earl's Moving and Hauling, listed under "Movers" category, is located at 2225 192nd St SE Bothell WA, 98012 and can be reached by (206)450-0756 phone number. Earl's Moving and Hauling has currently 0 reviews.



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53% of homeowners have used this ridiculously easy trick to save up to \$145,000. Responsible homeowners are now able to pay off their homes half the time and save up to \$30,000+. If you're a homeowner and don't know the trick, use this free tool and see how much you can save.

Click Your Age:

18-35 36-45 46-55 56-75

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Apartments & Condos | Bothell, WA
[view details](#)

Absolute Movers
773-688-4167
Movers | Chicago, IL
[view details](#)

Regal Movers
224-202-7816

Attachment D

Earl's Moving and Hauling in Bothell, WA - (206) 450-0756

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914 164th SE St (0.6 mi)

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Earl's Moving and Hauling

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2226 192nd St SE
Bothell, WA 98012
(206) 450-0756

Description:

Related Categories

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The advertisement features the Citi logo at the top right. On the left, a blue box contains the text: 'Earn 15,000 Points Plus NO ANNUAL FEE'. To the right of this box is an image of the Citi ThankYou Preferred Card, which is a Visa Signature card. Below the card image is an orange button with the text 'Learn More >'.

Attachment E

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Angie's List profile for Earl's Affordable Moving. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.angieslist.com/companylist/us/wa/bothell/earl-s-affordable-moving-reviews-7660965.htm>. The browser's address bar also shows "Earl's Affordable Moving | Bothell, WA 98012 | An...".

The Angie's List logo is prominently displayed at the top left of the page, with the tagline "Reviews you can trust®". To the right of the logo are buttons for "Gift Membership", "Join Now", "Sign In", and "Business Owners". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Quick Tour", "How It Works", "FAQ", "In the Press", "Articles", "The Big Deal", and "Contact Us". A phone number "1-888-888-LIST (5478)" is also visible in the navigation bar.

The main content area features the company name "Earl's Affordable Moving" and a link to "Claim your profile". The company's address is listed as "2226 132nd street SE, Bothell WA 98012" with a phone number "(206) 450-0756". The contact person is identified as "Harris, Thomas". The services offered are "Moving Companies". The company has been on Angie's List since "1/7/2013". The license status is "UNKNOWN", with a note that all statements concerning insurance, licenses, and bonds are informational only and are self-reported.

To the right of the company information is a section titled "How does Angie's List work?". Below this is a table titled "Angie's List Rating for Earl's Affordable Moving" with the following categories and lock icons:

Category	Lock Icon
Total Reviews	🔒
Overall Grade	🔒
Price	🔒
Credibility	🔒
Professionalism	🔒
Punctuality	🔒
Responsiveness	🔒
Super Service Award Winner	🔒

Below the rating table is a "Join Now" button. To the right of the "Join Now" button is a section titled "Why check Angie's List?" with the following bullet points:

- Companies can't pay to be on Angie's List
- Reviews come from real people like you, not anonymous users
- Exclusive discounts from top-rated businesses
- Ratings and reviews in more than 500 home repair and health care categories

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Deals" section with the text "Many top-rated businesses offer Exclusive Deals that can save Angie's List members up to 70%! Sign up now!". Below this are two "Mover Articles" sections. The first is titled "Helpful tips for packing for a move" and includes a small image of a person packing. The second is titled "Don't overlook these handy moving supplies" and includes a small image of a person's hands. To the right of these articles is a section titled "Angie's List In The Press" with the MSNBC logo.

Attachment F

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying a Facebook page for a business named "Big Earl's Moving and Hauling". The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Big-Earls-Moving-and-Hauling/185684964797631>. The browser's address bar also shows "iew Favorites Tools Help" and "Big Earl's Moving and Hauling". The Facebook page header includes the "facebook" logo, a search bar with the text "Search for people, places and things", and the user's name "Marus Gilly" with options for "Find Friends", "Home", and a notification icon.

The main content area of the Facebook page features a profile picture for "Big Earl's Moving and Hauling" showing a person loading a moving truck. Below the profile picture, the business name "Big Earl's Moving and Hauling" is displayed with "12 likes" and buttons for "Like" and "Message". The business information includes "Local Business", "Shoreline, Washington 98177", and the phone number "(206) 450-0756". There are also links for "About", "Photos", and "Likes".

Below the business information is a "Highlights" section. To the left of the main content is a "Post" section with a "Photo / Video" button and a text input field containing "Write something...".

The main feed shows a post from "Tawanna Fountain" to "Big Earl's Moving and Hauling" dated "February 22, 2011". The post text reads "I LOVE IT!" and has "Like" and "Comment" buttons. Below this is a post from "Big Earl's Moving and Hauling" dated "January 15, 2011". The post text reads: "Welcome to the new FB page for Big Earl's Moving and Hauling. My name is Earl and I started my business after working for the bigger companies for about 17 years. I decided to start my own business because I wanted people to have a truly affordable way to move. I have all the knowledge and expertise you expect from the larger companies but at a reduced price. Spread the word!" and "Thank you." Below the post are "Like", "Comment", and "Share" buttons.

On the right side of the page, there is a "Create Page" button and a "Now" section with "Joined Facebook". Below these are several sponsored advertisements: "Capital One Credit Cards", "Winter clearance sale.", "RightChange", "Painful Gout Sufferers", and "Treasure Detectives".