

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

A-STAR LIMOUSINE LLC

DOCKET TE-190053

DECLARATION OF
JASON HOXIT

Jason Hoxit, 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 Division. 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 charter party and excursion service carriers that may be operating without the required Commission-issued certificate.
2. On November 13, 2013, Commission Compliance Investigator Betty Young sent A-Star Limousine LLC (A-Star Limousine or Company) an email stating that the Commission believed A-Star Limousine was “offering charter and excursion services on its website (<http://www.a-starlimousine.com/>).” On November 13, 2013, the Company responded to Commission staff stating, “The Max seating capacity is 14. No exceptions.”¹
3. On September 20, 2018, Commission Compliance Investigator Michael Turcott sent A-Star Limousine a compliance letter to 816 W. Francis Ave #141, Spokane, WA 99205. The letter stated, “Both the 20-passenger stretch Hummer and the party bus featured on your website and Facebook page exceed the authority of your limousine license and require a charter certificate from the Commission.”²
4. On October 3, 2018, A-Star Limousine responded to Commission staff stating, “I understand that we are limited to 14 passenger seating capacity under our current licensing and insurance requirements.”³

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of the emails, dated November 13, 2013.

² See Attachment B for a copy of the letter sent to A-Star Limousine, dated September 20, 2018.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of the email, dated October 3, 2018.

5. On January 11, 2019, I received a tip via email concerning a potential non-certificated charter party and excursion service carrier. The email stated that A-Star Limousine is operating a 20 passenger Hummer.
6. On January 11, 2019, I searched Commission records and found that A-Star Limousine is not a certificated charter party and excursion service carrier.⁴
7. On January 11, 2019, I located the Company's website, www.a-starlimousine.com. Under the "Spokane Limo Bus" tab, the website stated, "The Stretched Hummer seats 20, Has Aux and Bluetooth connections for music, Can rent for \$200 per hour or \$400 for Round trip service. Perfect for bachelor(ette) parties." The Company's website included the address of 816 W. Francis PMB #141, Spokane, WA 99205, and the telephone number of (509) 879-7948.⁵
8. On January 11, 2019, I searched Washington Secretary of State's database, and Washington Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service's database, which produced records showing A-Star Limousine in active status in the state of Washington. I found the governing person of Michelle Palm, and an address of 816 W. Francis Ave #141, Spokane, WA 99205.⁶ I also found that A-Star Limousine has an active limousine endorsement through Washington State Department of Licensing, which allows a limousine carrier to operate an automobile with a seating capacity behind the driver of no more than 14 passengers.⁷
9. On January 28, 2019, I located A-Star Limousine's verified Facebook page. The Company's Facebook page included the address of 816 W. Francis Ave #141, Spokane, WA 99205, the telephone number of (509) 879-7948, and the website address of www.a-starlimousine.com.⁸
10. On January 28, 2019, I sent A-Star Limousine a message through its verified Facebook page under an assumed name. In the Facebook message I requested to book a trip for 16-18 passengers on June 15, 2019, for a bachelor party. A-Star Limousine responded to the inquiry on the same day stating, "Our stretch Hummer seats 20 and is the largest in our fleet. It's \$200 per hour and books up fast!" The Company confirmed that the telephone number to make the reservation is (509) 879-7948.⁹

DATED this 4th day of February, 2019, at Olympia, Washington.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of Commission records, captured January 11, 2019.

⁵ See Attachment E for a copy of the Company's website, captured on January 11, 2019.

⁶ See Attachment F for a copy of Washington Secretary of State, and Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service records, captured on January 11, 2019.

⁷ WAC 308-83-010(12)(a)

⁸ See Attachment G for a copy of the Company's Facebook page, captured on January 28, 2019.

⁹ See Attachment H for a copy of the Facebook conversation, dated January 28, 2019.

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