

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

SAMUEL OWEN SVARNY d/b/a  
BROTHERS MOVING

DOCKET TV-190499

DECLARATION OF  
BRIAN BRAUN

Brian Braun, 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 Section. 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 household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
2. On May 6, 2019, I found advertisements on [www.thumbtack.com](http://www.thumbtack.com) for a household goods moving company. The advertisement also contained a copy of a business card with a phone number of (206) 471-0986, a link to a Facebook page, and an introduction to the company's owner, "Sam."<sup>1</sup>
3. On May 6, 2019, I searched the Washington State Department of Revenue's website for Brothers Moving. The results produced a contact name/governing individual of Samuel Owen Svarny with an address of 12431 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl SW, Seattle, WA 98146.<sup>2</sup>
4. On May 6, 2019, I searched Facebook and found an advertisement for Brothers Moving.<sup>3</sup>
5. On May 6, 2019, I searched Commission records and verified that Samuel Owen Svarny d/b/a Brothers Moving is not a permitted household goods carrier.
6. On May 8, 2019, a compliance letter was sent to Samuel Svarny notifying Brothers Moving to cease and desist operations as a household goods carrier in Washington state until he obtains the required household goods carrier permit from the Commission.<sup>4</sup>
7. On June 12, 2019, I called (206) 471-0986 using an assumed name to obtain a quote for moving services including workers and a truck. The starting point was Renton,

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for a screen capture of website, printed on May 6, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment B for a copy of Dept. of Revenue's business lookup, printed May 6, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment C for a copy of the Facebook page for Brothers Moving, printed May 6, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See Attachment D for a copy of the Compliance Letter, dated May 8, 2019.

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Washington, with delivery to Seattle, Washington. A company representative who identified himself as Sam gave me an estimate of between \$300 and \$500 for three to six hours with two workers and a truck. This was confirmed with a text message and an email.<sup>5</sup>

DATED this 28 day of June, 2019, at Lacey, Washington.

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BRIAN BRAUN

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<sup>5</sup> See Attachment E, for a copy of email and text messages, dated June 12, 2019.