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In the Matter of: Mr. Muscles Moving Company, LLC

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Investigation) DOCKET TV-220417 of)

MR. MUSCLES MOVING COMPANY) LLC)

For Compliance with WAC 480-15-530, WAC 480-15-550, WAC 480-15-555, WAC 480-15-560, and WAC 480-15-570)

VIRTUAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE, VOLUME I

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6 JUDGE PEARSON: Let's be on the record in 7 Docket TV-220417, which is captioned, In the Matter of 8 the Investigation of Mr. Muscles Moving Company LLC for 9 compliance with Washington Administrative Codes 480-15.

10 Today is Friday, July 8th, 2022, at 9:30 11 a.m., and we're here for a prehearing conference to 12 discuss the company's safety management plan, settlement 13 negotiations, and any other procedural issues.

14 My name is Rayne Pearson. I use she/her 15 pronouns, and I'm the administrative law judge presiding 16 over this case.

17 So let's begin by taking appearances, 18 starting with Staff. Mr. Teimouri --

19 MR. TEIMOURI: Thank you, Judge Pearson --

20 JUDGE PEARSON: -- if you could just -- oh, 21 sorry -- state your name, spell your last name, and feel 22 free to share your pronouns. Thank you.

23 MR. TEIMOURI: Yeah, Daniel Teimouri, 24 he/him. That's T-e-i-m, as in Mary, o-u-r-i. I'm here 25 on behalf of Commission Staff. I'm an assistant

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1 attorney general with the Washington State AAG's Office.

2 JUDGE PEARSON: Great. Thank you. 3 And for the company?

4 MR. CONNER: I am Alexander Conner, 5 C-o-n-n-e-r, and I represent Mr. Muscles Moving Company.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Great, thank you.

7 MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.

8 JUDGE PEARSON: And it does not appear that 9 there is anyone else who would possibly be wishing to 10 enter an appearance, but I'll give it a second.

11 Okay. Hearing nothing, we have an 12 evidentiary hearing scheduled two weeks from today, on 13 July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. So today we're just going to 14 check in about the status of the company's compliance.

15 And so my first question, Mr. Conner, is 16 whether the company has filed its safety management plan 17 yet?

18 MR. CONNER: Yes, I have. I don't know if 19 it's been accepted. I know that there's been some 20 corrections that needed to be made, but I have submitted 21 it twice.

22 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So it sounds like 23 you're in the process of working with Staff to get that?

24 MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.

25 JUDGE PEARSON: Into compliance? Okay.

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1 Great.

2 And, Mr. Teimouri, do you anticipate having

3 any settlement discussions with the company prior to the

4 hearing or just continuing to work on the safety

5 management plan?

6 MR. TEIMOURI: I think -- I think they're

7 actually related. I think Staff would entertain

8 settlement discussions after we've accepted a safety

9 management plan. I don't think we would like to get

10 into those prior to the acceptance of a safety

11 management plan. But once Mr. Conner is able to work,

12 you know, through the safety management plan, we can

13 then start, potentially, settlement discussions at that

14 time.

15 JUDGE PEARSON: That makes sense.

16 Okay. So is there anything else that we

17 need to address today? All I ask is that if the

18 company -- or if the company and Staff are able to reach

19 a settlement is that you let my staff know at least 24

20 hours before the hearing so that we can cancel the

21 hearing and get the appropriate notice out.

22 MR. CONNER: Can you say that one more time?

23 Are you saying that if I need to cancel, just to give

24 you the proper time ahead?

25 JUDGE PEARSON: No, no. I am saying that in

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1 the event that you and Staff are able to come to an

2 agreement and we don't need to have the hearing because

3 there's a settlement agreement, that Mr. Teimouri will

4 let me know so that I can cancel the hearing.

5 MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.

6 MR. TEIMOURI: Yeah, that's right. I

7 will -- I will -- I'll send a letter as soon as we have

8 a settlement in principle.

9 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Great.

10 So in the event that we do go forward in two

11 weeks, Mr. Conner, just to let you know what will happen

12 is we will meet like this again over Zoom and Staff will

13 have an opportunity to present its case, and then you

14 will have an opportunity ask Staff's witness any

15 questions, and then it will be your turn to present your

16 case, Staff can ask you questions after that, and then

17 Staff will make a recommendation with respect to your

18 permit.

19 And during that process, because you're not

20 represented, I can answer any questions, clarify things

21 for you, things like that.

22 MR. CONNER: Yes, ma'am.

23 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Do you have any

24 questions?

25 MR. CONNER: No questions at the moment.

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1 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Mr. Teimouri, is

2 there anything else that we need to address while we're

3 here?

4 MR. TEIMOURI: Not at this time, Your Honor.

5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Well, in lieu of

7 entering a prehearing conference order, I'm just going

8 to summarize for the record what we discussed today.

9 The company is working with Staff on its

10 safety management plan and has already submitted it and

11 discussions will continue. And if the parties are able

12 to successfully come to an agreement, Staff's attorney

13 will let me know and we will cancel the hearing and

14 decide the matter on a paper record. Otherwise, we will

15 reconvene on July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. to address the

16 status of the company's permit.

17 All right. Thank you all for being here

18 today, and we are adjourned.

19 MR. TEIMOURI: Thank you.

20 MR. CONNER: Thank you. Have a good day.

21 JUDGE PEARSON: You too.

22 (Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.)

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7 Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby

8 certify that the foregoing transcript is true and

9 accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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