State Takes Action Illegal Movers

A commission administrative law judge ordered seven moving companies operating illegally to cease providing residential moving services until they obtain the required permit. Four of the residential moving companies received a $5,000 penalty, with $4,500 suspended for two years conditioned on the companies’ compliance with the commission order. The four companies are:
- A Father and Fast, Careful Sons Moving, owned by David J. Campbell of Auburn;
- Mark’s Pro Movers, owned by Mark Schueller of Tulalip;
- Professional Relocations Moving Co., owned by Wade Taylor of Bremerton; and
- Smoother Mover, owned by Matthew Twiggs of Richland.

Big Earl’s Moving and Hauling, located in Shoreline and owned by Thomas E. Harris, was fined $5,000 with $4,700 suspended for two years, provided Harris complies with the commission’s order. Seattle-based Advanced Moving and Packing, owned by Justin Suedel, received a $5,000 penalty that was suspended in full for two years, conditioned on the company’s compliance. Jeff’s Express Movers of Seattle, owned by Jeffrey Johnson, failed to appear, and was fined $5,000.

UTC Begins Household Goods Rulemaking

On Feb. 14, the commission opened a rulemaking to consider revising the rules for household goods carriers (WAC 480-15). The proposed rule is related to suspensions and cancellations for lapses in liability insurance, fitness standards for applicants and existing companies, and other corrections and clarifications. The rulemaking can be found on the commission’s website under Docket TV-130079.

Half-Day Consumer Protection Rules Training

Do you have a new employee who will be working with your customers, or is there someone within your company that needs a refresher on Tariff 15-C? Knowing the rules prevents violations, so the commission offers you and your employees the opportunity to attend a half-day training of the consumer protection rules and tariff. The free training is offered approximately four times a year with our half-day household goods safety training. When signing up, please specify that you or your employees will only be attending the half-day, afternoon session of the consumer protection rules training. For registration, visit www.utc.wa.gov/hhgtraining.

Upcoming Industry Training

The next free training for household goods moving companies is coming up soon. It is scheduled from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Olympia at the commission headquarters. The course is required for carriers to receive permanent authority. To register online, click here. If you have questions, email Kali Wraspir or call (360) 664-1214.

Illegal Carrier Investigations

Commission staff recently investigated the following non-permitted carriers:
- Alice the Mover
- DJ’s Landscaping
- Jay’s Moving
- Man and a Van
- Quick Moving and Delivery
- Right Choice Movers
- Sunshine Movers
- Three Star Moving
- US GUYS MOVING

New Permits Issued

March—June 2013
- Effort Enterprises of Tacoma, Inc. d/b/a Efficient Relocation Systems
- MOL Logistics (USA) Inc.
- Munsell, Terry d/b/a Alice the Mover
- RBT Moving LLC d/b/a You Move Me Portland

Motor Carrier Safety News

Last quarter, commission Motor Carrier Safety staff completed four household-goods carrier compliance reviews and inspected five vehicles. None of the vehicles had defects and none were removed from service. Three companies received a satisfactory rating and one will undergo additional technical assistance.

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