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CPUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS MOVING COMPANIES – 3rd QUARTER 2015

SAN FRANCISCO, November 12, 2015– The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection, took a number of actions in the third quarter of 2015 to protect consumers from illegally operating moving companies.

The CPUC took the following enforcement actions against moving companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations, including Maximum Rate Tariff 4 (MAX 4), which contains maximum rates that carriers must observe as well as rules and regulations governing intrastate moves:

Criminal Filings

- **Taclog, Inc., doing business as (dba) Taclog Moving Services and Brandt J. Keller, Menifee (Unlicensed), Case HHG 2696:** On July 8, 2015, the CPUC requested that the Riverside County District Attorney's Office file a misdemeanor complaint against this company for advertising without CPUC authority pursuant to Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 5314.5. On August 10, 2015, case was assigned to a Senior Deputy District Attorney, and in September 2015, Keller was arrested on a warrant issued for the above violation.

UPDATES

- **Brendon Arman Attias dba South Coast Moving and Advantage Moving (Unlicensed):** The CPUC requested that the Orange County District Attorney's office file a misdemeanor complaint against this company for operating without CPUC authority; and failure to maintain in effect public liability/property damage, cargo, and workers' compensation insurance. On October 16, 2014, the Orange County District Attorney's Office charged the company with violation of PU Code section 5133 (3

counts). Attias pled guilty to three counts of PU 5133(a) and was placed on one year probation with search and seizure terms, and ordered to pay restitution of \$1,400 to the first victim and \$410 to the second victim.

- **Rustam Kholov and Umed Salomov, a general partnership dba San Francisco Moving, Belmont and Andrey Slivko dba Vector Moving, San Diego (MTR 190802) Case HHG 2171:** CPUC staff requested that the San Diego District Attorney's Office file a misdemeanor complaint against this company for operating without workers' compensation insurance coverage. The defendants pled guilty to a violation of LC3700.5, and sentencing is set for January 4, 2016.
- **ASAP Relocation, Inc. dba America's Best Movers, San Jose (MTR 189718), Case PSG 2079:** ASAP Relocations was a target of multi-agency taskforce along with the Santa Clara District Attorney's office, the FBI, the DOT, ICE, Weights and Measures, and other agencies targeting problem moving companies in Santa Clara County. Owner Roni Hayon and others were arrested and released on bond. As a result, one company worker pled to a felony conspiracy to violate PU Code 5139, and an attempted Workers' Comp fraud as a misdemeanor; another pled to a misdemeanor conspiracy to commit 5139; two fled the country and are listed on the DOT's OIG Most Wanted website; and another pled no contest to insurance fraud and was sentenced to 5 years of formal probation and restitution of \$160,000.

Administrative Citations

Power Moves Service, LLC, (MTR 191291) based in Salinas was fined \$2,000 for the following violations:

1. Operated as a moving company without a permit
2. Engaged employees without evidence of WKCP
3. Operated without cargo insurance
4. Failed to provide shippers with the "Important Notice About Your Move"
5. Failed to provide the "Important Information for Persons Moving Household Goods" booklet
6. Issued incomplete Combined Agreements for Moving Services and Freight Bill
7. Failed to report gross revenues
8. Advertised without a valid permit

ACE Relocation Systems, Inc. dba ACE Relocation Systems, Inc. of Washington, (MTR 188224) based in San Diego was fined \$5,000 for the following violations:

1. Failed to include a "Not to Exceed Price"
2. Various MAX 4 violations

James Walsh dba Moving Agent Corp. (MTR 191171) based in Woodland Hills was fined \$1,000 for operating after denial of a household goods application.

Affordable Moving & Storage LLC, Sonora (MTR 190200) based in Sonora was fined \$5,700 for the following violations:

1. Operated as a moving company after suspension of its permit
2. Various MAX 4 violations
3. Failed to provide shippers with the “Important Notice About Your Move” document

Overcharges and Refunds

The CPUC assisted and/or directed moving companies to refund consumers more than \$18,000 for overcharges and other violations of MAX 4.

Cease and Desist Notice

Fifteen companies were issued a Cease and Desist notice for operating and advertising without a valid permit (unlicensed, revoked, or denied). Additionally, more than 100 notices were sent to suspected illegal moving companies in the San Diego area.

Companies issued a Cease and Desist notice included:

1. Griggin Moving Delivery, Griffin12 Moving Company, GMD, Sacramento (Unlicensed)
2. Benjamin Jordan dba Nice Guys Movers, Santa Rosa (Unlicensed)
3. Richard Charles Kelly dba Kelly Moving, San Rafael (Unlicensed)
4. California Bear Moving and Storage, Inc., San Jose (MTR 191317)
5. George Joseph dba Jojo’s Delivery In Motion, Long Beach (Unlicensed)
6. Santa Monica Moving Services, Santa Monica (Unlicensed)
7. Greystone Relocation Concierge, Los Angeles (Unlicensed)
8. Brian M. Foley, Buddytruk Inc., Santa Monica (Unlicensed)
9. California Bear Moving and Storage, Inc., San Jose (MTR 191317)
10. Fog City Piano & Furniture Movers, Inc., Pacifica (MTR 190348)
11. Seghey Dozhin dba European Moving Services, Los Angeles (Unlicensed)
12. Rick Resendiz dba Super Mover Brothers LLC, Sherman Oaks (Unlicensed)
13. Paul Ross-Daniel dba A Way 2 Move, Rocklin (Unlicensed)
14. Fernando Castillo dba In & Out Movers, San Francisco (Unlicensed)
15. Thomas Joseph Carty dba Carty Moving and Storage, San Francisco (Unlicensed)

Official Notice

The following companies were issued an Official Notice for advertising and operating without a permit.

1. Michael Daniel Gutierrez dba Mike’s Moving, Riverside (MTR 191252)
2. Out of the Box Moving Solutions, Vernon (MTR 191329)
3. Anthony Smith dba Peace of Mind Moving, Carmichael (Unlicensed)

4. Juan Vallejos dba Bay Hauling and Moving, Solano (Unlicensed)
5. Chao Tung Chan, dba Best Moving Inc., Rosemead (MTR 191380)
6. Magdalena Lopez dba Mike's Moving Transport Services LLC, San Jose (MTR191326)
7. Ben Tehrani, dba Commercial College Movers, San Mateo (Unlicensed)
8. California Bear Moving and Storage, Inc., San Jose. (MTR 191317)

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