

Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE AND GENERAL ORDER

To: Erhan Kantarci
Dba Welcome Limousine U.S.
607 Preakness Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

File No.: TCP 37165-B Citation #: T.2025-03-002 Date: March 19, 2025 Case #: CSE-000304

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited as having violated sections of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred on October 9, 2024.

- (1) Operated as a Charter-Party Carrier after revocation of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379 [1 count]; and
- (2) Operated at an airport without an airport permit and failed to follow airport rules and regulations, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5371.4(b) and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.02 [1 count].

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of the carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before April 9, 2025. By way of such an answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$6,000 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the CPUC staff will deem the matter closed, **or**
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, or
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an Appeal. See the attached document "How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal."

If you fail to respond by April 9, 2025, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the Citation. The CPUC may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and CPUC orders.

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Attachments

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Case: CSE-000304

CARRIER: Erhan Kantarci doing business as (dba) Welcome Limousine U.S., an

Individual

OWNER Erhan Kantarci

AUTHORITY: TCP 37165-B (Revoked)

MAILING ADDRESS: 607 Preakness Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94597

PHONE/EMAIL: (415) 823-2112 /

VEHICLES: 0

EMPLOYEE-DRIVERS: 0

PL&PD1

INSURANCE: Not on file with $CPUC^2$

WORKERS'

COMPENSATION

INSURANCE: Not on file with CPUC

DRUG CONSORTIUM: Not on file with CPUC

¹ Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD)

² California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

INTRODUCTION

On November 4, 2024, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Erhan Kantarci dba Welcome Limousine U.S. (hereinafter referred to as Mr. Kantarci) because of a San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Ground Transportation Unit (GTU) complaint alleging that Mr. Kantarci operated after revocation and without an airport permit.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT

• Enforcement case records show Mr. Kantarci has a history of violating the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) rules and regulations, as detailed below.

Prior Case (CSE-000094): On May 28, 2024, CPUC's Transportation Enforcement Analyst, Omar Teutle, issued Citation T.24-05-006 to Mr. Kantarci in the amount of \$4,000 for the following violations [Attachment 1]:

- Operated at an airport without an airport permit and failed to follow airport rules and regulations;
- Operated as a TCP after revocation of authority.

VIOLATIONS

I investigated Mr. Kantarci for October 9, 2024, and found violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Codes and CPUC General Orders (G.O.):

• Operated as a TCP after revocation of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379. [1 count]

Pub. Util. Code 5379 states in part that, "After the cancellation or revocation of a permit or certificate, or during the period of its suspension, or after the expiration of its permit or certificate, it is unlawful for a charter-party carrier of passengers to conduct any operations as a carrier."

CPUC's Transportation and Licensing Analysis Branch (TLAB) carrier records show that Mr. Kantarci's operating authority was revoked on February 19, 2020, due to failure to maintain adequate PL&PD insurance [Attachment 2].

On October 9, 2024, Mr. Kantarci was issued Administrative Citation No. by SFO GTU for operating after the revocation of his TCP authority [Attachment 3]. My investigation disclosed that Mr. Kantarci operated at SFO for one day after his authority was revoked.

• Operated at an airport without an airport permit and failed to follow airport rules and regulations, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5371.4(b), 5381, and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.02. [1 count]

G.O. 157-E, Part 3.02 states that "No carrier shall conduct any operations on the property of or into any airport unless such operations are authorized by both this Commission and the airport authority involved. Consistent failure to comply with safety or traffic rules and regulations of an airport authority may result in suspension or revocation of Commission operating authority."

On October 9, 2024, Mr. Kantarci was issued Administrative Citation No. by SFO GTU for operating at SFO without an airport permit [Attachment 3].

My investigation revealed that SFO GTU issued Mr. Kantarci an Administrative Citation for operating one day at SFO without an airport permit.

DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and to those matters, I believe to be true.

Executed on March 19, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

<u>Manal Antabli</u>

Manal Antabli, Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

- Attachment 1. CPUC Citation T.24-05-006
- Attachment 2. TLAB Carrier Records for Mr. Kantarci
- Attachment 3. SFO GTU Administrative Citation No.

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ATTACHMENT 1



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Erhan Kantarci

Dba: Welcome Limousine U.S.

607 Preakness Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94597 File: TCP 37165 B Date: May 28, 2024 Citation #: T.24-05-006 Case #: CSE-000094

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited as having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O) as described below. These violations occurred during the period of December 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

- Operated at an airport without an airport permit and failure to follow airport rules and regulations, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5371.4(b), 5381, and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.02 [2 counts]; and
- Operated as a Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) after revocation of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379 [1 count].

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of the carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before June 18, 2024. By way of such an answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of **\$4,000** pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the CPUC staff will deem the matter closed), or
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, or
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an appeal. See the attached document "How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certification of Service for a Citation Appeal."

If you fail to respond by June 18, 2024, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and may be subsequently revoked pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.

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ATTACHMENT 2

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco CA 94102-3298



CARRIER INFORMATION FOR PSG0037165

List of Owners:			
Owner Name	Title	% Held	
ERHAN KANTARCI			

List of Vehicles:

License#	Vin #	Body Type	Seat Capacity	Autonomous	Modified Limo
		SUV	7		
		SUV	7		
		CAR	4		No

List of Events		Auth	Bad	Check		
Event Type	Event Date	Code	Code	Amount	Assigned To	Comments
Technically Expired but in PEND/SUSP/REVK	02-24-2020	ТСРВ			-	
Revoked Insurance	02-19-2020	ALL				
Suspended Insurance	11-21-2019	ALL				
Address Changed	09-14-2017					
Address Changed	05-01-2017				-	
Issued New Application	02-24-2017	ТСРВ				
Pending New Application	01-27-2017	TCPB				
Received New Application	01-26-2017					

List of Insurance Policies	Policy	Received	Cancel	Effective	Reinstatement		
Insurance Company Name	Insurance Policy	Policy #	Status	Date	Date	Date	Date
OBI NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY	PL and PD Policy		Cancel	11-21-2018	11-21-2019	11-21-2018	
GLOBAL LIBERTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK	PL and PD Policy		Cancel	02-14-2018	12-30-2018	02-21-2018	
GLOBAL LIBERTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK	PL and PD Policy		Cancel	02-23-2017	02-21-2018	02-21-2017	

ATTACHMENT 3

Date: 10/9/2024 **Time:** 16:56 PDT **Day:** Wednesday

Plate #: VIN #:

Make: Cadillac Model: Escalade Style: SUV Color: Black

Company: Non-Permitted Operator TCP #: 099999

Location: IT Arrivals

Violated Rules and Regulations

9.2 Operating a Business without Airport Authorization

Comment: TCP#37165 Operating with no SFO permit, CPUC revoked. CPUC citation T.24-05-006 sent on 5/28/2024

Issuing Authority: GTC Issuer Id:

FINES SHALL BE ASSESSED PER RULE 14 OF SFIA AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND/OR APPLICABLE OPERATING PERMIT.

