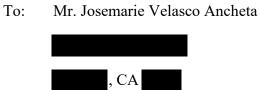


Public Utilities Commission STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE



File: Unlicensed Date: April 7, 2025 Citation #: T.2025-04-004 Case #: CSE-288

#### VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities Code (P.U. Code) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred on 10/20/2024.

 Operated as a charter-party carrier without operating authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5371, 5411, CVC 14602.9 and General Order 157-E, Parts 11.15 and 11.16 [1 count]. Page 2

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

#### **RESPONSE**

TEB used the Penalty Assessment Methodology adopted in Resolution M-4846 and considered mitigating and exacerbating factors in setting the fine.

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before April 28, 2025. By way of such answer, you may either:

- Pay a fine of \$2,000 pursuant to P.U. 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 Commission 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 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 28, 2025, 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.

Rahmon Momoh

Rahmon Momoh, Program and Project Supervisor Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division Transportation Enforcement Branch Telephone number (415) 703-1725

E-mail address rahmon.momoh@cpuc.ca.gov

Attachments

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#### CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated April 7, 2025, and herewith pay the fine of \$2,000.00.

Josemarie Velasco Ancheta

(Signature) (Title)

(Date)

Payment (cashier's check or money order) should be made payable to *California Public Utilities Commission* and sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission Attn: Fiscal Office 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

### TEB Enforcement Analyst: Steve Esguerra

Case: CSE-288

#### **INVESTIGATION REPORT**

CARRIER:	Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta
AUTHORITY:	Unlicensed
ADDRESS:	
PHONE/EMAIL:	
VEHICLES:	1
DRIVERS:	1
PL&PD INSURANCE:	None on file
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:	None on file
DRUG CONSORTIUM:	None on file
<b>REVENUE:</b>	Unknown

#### **INTRODUCTION**

On October 20, 2024, Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff were conducting a safety compliance inspection at Levi's Stadium in a Joint Operation with the Santa Clara Police Department. TEB staff observed Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta with passengers and operating without authority (unlicensed/soliciting) [Attachment 1].

On October 30, 2024, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta.

#### VIOLATIONS

The investigation for October 20, 2024, through April 3, 2025, disclosed violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

# • Operated as a charter-party carrier without operating authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5371, 5411, CVC 14602.9 and General Order 157-E, Parts 11.15 and 11.16 [1 count].

On October 20, 2024, Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff were conducting a safety compliance inspection at Levi's Stadium in a Joint Operation with the Santa Clara Police Department. TEB staff observed Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta with passengers and operating without authority (unlicensed/soliciting). Mr. Ancheta was issued an Inspection Observation Report, and he signed it **[Attachment 1]**.

On November 1, 2024, I called Mr. Ancheta, and he initially said he was providing transportation as an Uber driver, but when I explained, I would need to see an Uber waybill he admitted it was not an Uber trip. Mr. Ancheta also said he had offered to take four passengers from Levi's Stadium to Palo Alto for \$80 cash.

On November 4, 2024, I emailed and mailed a Notice to Cease to Desist letter to Mr. Ancheta and asked him to confirm receipt, but I did not hear back from Mr. Ancheta. Subsequent calls (11/4/2024 and 3/27/2025) and emails (11/4/2024 and 4/3/2025) to Mr. Ancheta were not returned or replied to [Attachment 2].

#### DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof. 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 April 7, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

Steve Esquerra \_\_\_\_\_\_ Steve Esquerra, TEB Enforcement Analyst

#### List of Attachments

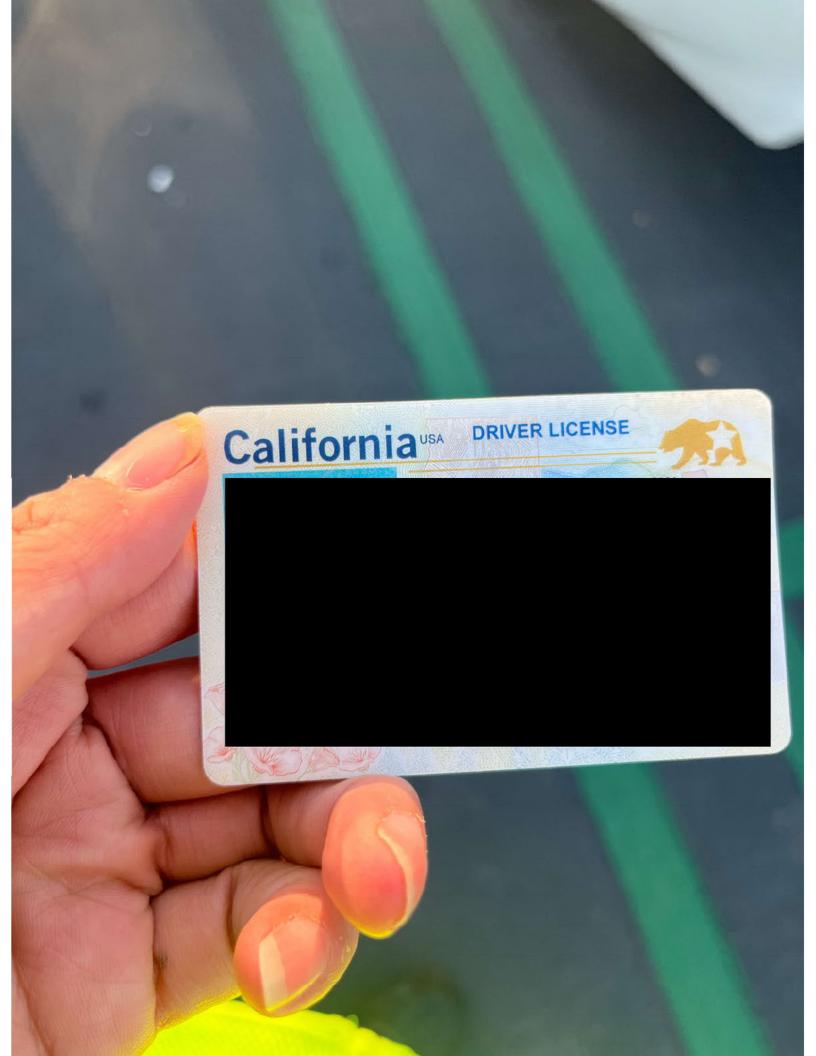
- Attachment 1 -- Inspection Observation Report signed by Mr. Ancheta, photos of his 2023 Toyota Camry (license plate ), passengers and his California Driver's License (10/20/2024)
- Attachment 2 -- Notice to Cease and Desist and emails attempting to contact Mr. Ancheta (11/4/2024-4/3/2025)

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT  Location: Airport/Other: LeVis psc/tcp/tnc: Investigator: MLE  (Circle one)  Prime Carrier:Phone#:  Address:Gity:
Driver: Jose Marie Ancheta COLH: State: Class: CMI. Address: City: Zip: Phone: Years w/company: Prime Carrier:
Comments:
Address:       Zip:       Phone:         City:       Zip:       Violation(s):         Vehicle:       TCP # Not shown on rear/front humper       No Trade Dress       Front         Vehicle:       Carrier s name not on side of vehicle*       Carrier s name not on side of vehicle*         PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle*       Carrier s name not on side of vehicle*       Origin Participation         "Exempt for whiches:       Carrier s name not on side of vehicle*       Origin Participation
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Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enjoy







# **ATTACHMENT 2**

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

November 4, 2024

TCP: Unlicensed Case No.: CSE-288

#### Josemarie Velasco Ancheta

#### NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has become aware that you are operating without a valid authority.

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Sections 1031 and 5371 state that it is unlawful for a Passenger Stage Corporation or a Charter-Party Carrier to conduct any operations without valid authority. Pub. Util. Code Sections 1034.5 and 5414.5 state that it is unlawful to publish or advertise without holding a valid operating authority. Advertisements include, but are not limited to, advertising in local directories or Yellow Pages, business cards, internet websites, and any other form of advertisements.

Your company must immediately cease and desist from all unlawful operations including advertising.

Pub. Util. Code Section 5411 states in part that any TCP carrier which operates without a valid authority is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not less than \$1,000.

This letter places your company on notice that continued violations of the law without the required operating authority may result in enforcement actions, including criminal prosecutions. There will be no further warnings.

For information on obtaining a permit or certificate, go to: <u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/transportationlicensing/</u>.

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Please contact me within five days of receiving this notice at the telephone number and email address listed below.

Sincerely,

### Steve Esquerra

Steve Esguerra, Enforcement Analyst California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division Transportation Enforcement Branch Email: <u>SE1@cpuc.ca.gov</u> Telephone: (213) 620-2492

cc:

From:	Esguerra, Steve
To:	
Subject:	FW: Urgent, Josemarie Velasco Ancheta (Unlicensed), Case: CSE-288
Date:	Thursday, April 3, 2025 10:20:00 AM
Attachments:	C&D, Josemarie Velasco Ancheta, 11-4-24, CSE-288.pdf

Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta,

Attached is a Notice to Cease and Desist letter. As discussed on 11/1/24, do not operate or advertise until you have an active/valid TCP permit.

I have left you a couple of voicemail messages at ( but you have not returned my calls.

Please call me asap to discuss this matter. If I do not hear from you, I will consider sending a citation to you.

Respectfully,

**Steve Esguerra** Senior Enforcement Analyst

Transportation Enforcement Branch Consumer Protection & Enforcement Division California Public Utilities Commission 213-620-2492 | <u>steve.esguerra@cpuc.ca.gov</u> www.cpuc.ca.gov

From: Esguerra, Steve Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:05 PM

To:

Subject: FW: Urgent, Cease and Desist, Josemarie Velasco Ancheta (Unlicensed), Case: CSE-288

Good morning, Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta,

Attached is a Notice to Cease and Desist letter. As discussed on 11/1/24, do not operate or advertise until you have an active/valid TCP permit.

Please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

Steve Esguerra Enforcement Analyst Consumer Protection & Enforcement Division

#### Transportation Enforcement Branch California Public Utilities Commission (213) 620-2492 Phone <u>SE1@cpuc.ca.gov</u>

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From: Esguerra, Steve Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 11:43 AM

Subject: Urgent, Cease and Desist, Josemarie Velasco Ancheta (Unlicensed), Case: CSE-288

Good morning, Mr. Josemarie Velasco Ancheta,

Attached is a Notice to Cease and Desist letter. As discussed on 11/1/24, do not operate or advertise until you have an active/valid TCP permit.

Please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

To:

Steve Esguerra Enforcement Analyst Consumer Protection & Enforcement Division Transportation Enforcement Branch California Public Utilities Commission (213) 620-2492 Phone <u>SE1@cpuc.ca.gov</u>

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