



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Armando Jimenez Diaz

File: TCP 28177-B

Date: August 8, 2025

Citation #: T.2025-08-003

Case #: CSE-439

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 February 22, 2025.

- (1) Failed to enroll one (1) driver in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Employer Pull Notice (EPN) Program in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(D), G.O. 157-E Part 5.02, and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 1808.1 [1 count].
- (2) Engaged one (1) employee-driver without workers' compensation insurance in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5378.1 [1 count].

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 August 29, 2025. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$4,000 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 August 29, 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 August 8, 2025, and herewith pay the fine of \$4,000.00.

Armando Jimenez Diaz

, CA

(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

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Armando Jimenez Diaz dba Vineyard Limousine and Wine Tours

OFFICER: Armando Jimenez Diaz, Owner

AUTHORITY: TCP 28177-B

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

PHONE/EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 1

DRIVERS: 2

PL&PD

INSURANCE:

[REDACTED]

Policy# 7 [REDACTED]
Effective Dates: 11/02/2024-11/02/2025

**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION**

INSURANCE: None

DRUG

CONSORTIUM:

[REDACTED]

INTRODUCTION

On February 22, 2025, Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff were conducting a safety compliance inspection at a Temecula Field Operation. On March 18, 2025, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Armando Jimenez Diaz, doing business as Vineyard Limousine and Wine Tours.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT

On October 31, 2018, TEB Staff served Armando Jimenez Diaz with a \$3,000 citation F-5149 (Case PSG-4728) for the following violations: **[Attachment 1]**.

1. Engaged an employee-driver without having workers' compensation insurance in effect and on file with the Commission [1 count];
2. Failed to enroll an employee-driver in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Employer Pull Notice Program (EPN) [1 count];
3. Failed to enroll an employee-driver in the Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Certification Program [1 count];
4. Failed to execute a sub-carrier agreement for the utilization of another carrier's vehicle and driver by the operating carrier [1 count];
5. Failed to include pertinent information on the waybills [1 count].

Armando Jimenez Diaz subsequently paid the \$3,000 fine.

VIOLATIONS

The investigation for February 22, 2025, through August 1, 2025, disclosed violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

- **Failed to enroll one (1) driver in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Employer Pull Notice (EPN) Program in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5374(a)(1)(D), G.O. 157-E Part 5.02, and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 1808.1 [1 count].**

On February 22, 2025, TEB staff were conducting a safety compliance inspection at a Temecula Field Operation. Employee-driver [REDACTED] (CDL: [REDACTED]) was observed operating in an 11-seat black Lincoln modified limousine (license plate [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED]) with TCP 28177 affixed to the rear bumper, and he provided staff with a copy of his Vineyard Limousine waybill. TEB staff issued an Inspection Observation Report to [REDACTED] since the carrier did not have workers' compensation insurance on file and in effect with the Commission. [REDACTED] stated that he had been employed by Armando Jimenez Diaz for 5 years [Attachment 2].

On March 18, 2025, a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Employer Pull Notice program (EPN) search of requestor code [REDACTED] only showed two other drivers enrolled (Armando Jimenez Diaz and [REDACTED]). Still, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not enrolled [Attachment 3].

- **Engaged one (1) employee-driver without workers' compensation insurance in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5378.1 [1 count].**

On February 22, 2025, Employee-driver [REDACTED] (CDL: [REDACTED]) was observed operating in an 11-seat black Lincoln modified limousine (license plate [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED]) with TCP 28177 affixed to the rear bumper, and he provided staff with a copy of his Vineyard Limousine waybill. TEB staff issued an Inspection Observation Report to [REDACTED] since the carrier did not have workers' compensation insurance on file and in effect with the Commission. [REDACTED] stated that he had been employed by Armando Jimenez Diaz for 5 years [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 August 8, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

Steve Esquerra, TEB Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

- **Attachment 1 --** Prior \$3,000 Citation (10/31/2018)
- **Attachment 2 --** Vineyard Limousine waybill/CDL & Report (2/22/2025)
- **Attachment 3 --** DMV EPN Search, Requestor Code [REDACTED] (3/18/2025)

ATTACHMENT 1

Prior Citation 2018



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Armando Jimenez Diaz, an individual doing business as
(dba) Vineyard Limousine and Wine Tours
[REDACTED]

File: TCP 28177 B

Date: October 31, 2018

Citation #: F - 5149

Case #: PSG - 4728

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated sections of the Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) and General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period October 17, 2016 through December 31, 2017:

- (1) Engaged at least an employee-driver without having workers' compensation insurance or a certificate of consent to self-insure issued by the Director of Industrial Relations on file and in effect with the Commission in violation of Pub Util. Code Section 5378.1 [1 count];
- (2) Failed to enroll an employee-driver in the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Employer Pull Notice Program (EPN) in violation of PUC Section 5374(a)(1)(D), G.O. 157-D Part 5.02, and the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 1808.1 [1 count];
- (3) Failed to enroll at an employee-driver in Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Certification Program for Pre-Employment Testing in violation of Pub. Util. Section 5374(a)(1)(I) and G.O. 157-D Part 10. [1 count];
- (4) Failed to execute sub-carrier's agreement for the utilization of the other carrier's vehicle and driver by the operating carrier in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5381 and G.O. 157-D, Part 3.04. [1 count];
- (5) Failed to include pertinent information on the waybills in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5381 and General Order 157-D, part 3.01 [1 count].



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File: TCP 28177 B

Date: October 31, 2018

Citation #: F - 5149

Case #: PSG - 4728

CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I hereby agree to comply with this citation dated 10/31/18, and herewith pay the fine of \$3,000.

Armando Jimenez Diaz
dba Vineyard Limousine and Wine Tours
Winchester, CA 92596



CEO
(Title)

10/31/18
(Date)

Payment should be made payable to *California Public Utilities Commission* and sent to:

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

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FINE INSTALLMENT AGREEMENT

Armando J. Diaz de Vineyard Limousine & Wine Tours hereby agree to pay the fine of
\$ 3,000 imposed by Citation E-5149 dated 10/31/18. Payment will be
made in 3 installment payments as follows:

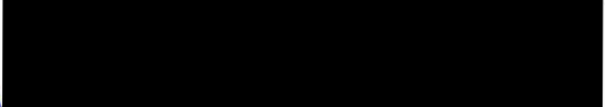
Payment	\$ amount	Due date
1 st	<u>1,000</u>	<u>11/5/18</u>
2 nd	<u>1,000</u>	<u>12/3/18</u>
3 rd	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1/7/19</u>
4th		

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I (we) understand that by signing this agreement, I (we) have forfeited my (our) right to appeal the citation, and that, if this agreement is not adhered to, my (our) authority under TCP/PSC _____ or any authority in which my (our) name appears as a permit holder will be immediately suspended and 30 days thereafter be revoked. I (we) will also be subject to other sanctions set forth in Resolution ALJ -187. All payments must be by money order or cashier's check and send directly to:

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

X Date 10-31-18

X  (Print name here, sign on line)
Armando Diaz

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE


I certify that I have this day served the following documents on

Armando J. Diaz dba Vineyard Limousine & Wine Tours

1. Citation number **F-5149** dated October 31, 2018
2. Investigator's report.
3. How to file an Appeal.
4. CPUC Instructions for filing a Notice of appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal.

Date:

10/31/18

Investig  ure

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Investigator's name and badge #34

ATTACHMENT 2

**Waybill, CDL, and
Report, 2/22/2025**

repeat

Date 2-22-25 P/U Time 11am D/O Time 4pm
Booked by [redacted] Email [redacted]
Cell # [redacted] Passenger Same
P/U Address [redacted] City, State [redacted]
Destination Wine tour
Hourly Rate \$125 Total Hours 3 15% Deposit _____ 5% FUE _____
Tasting Tickets # of People 6 Number of Wineries 3
Lunches # of People 6



Amount Due \$ 270
Amount Due \$ 90

Cash Total \$ 1110
Credit Card Total \$ 1145

TYPE OF SERVICE

Airport D/O ☒ Wine Tour ☐ Wedding ☐ Formal/Prom ☐ Concert ☐ Other ☐
Night Club ☐ Anniversary ☐ Bachelor ☐ Bachelorette ☐ Quinceanera ☐ Birthday ☐

WINERY LIST

Peltzer
Callaway (951-676-4001)
Lorimar (951-240-5177)
Belvino (951-676-6414)
Avensol (951-252-2003)
Danza Del Sol (951-302-6363)
Europa (888-383-8767)
Falkner (951-676-8231)
Fazeli (951-303-3366)
South Coast (951-587-9463)

Maurice Carrie
Monte De Oro (951) 491-6551
1 Mount Palomar (951-676-5047) - 11:30
Doffo (866-469-8466)
Long Shadow (951-587-6221)
Masia De La Vinya (951-303-3860)
Oak Mountain (951-699-9102)
3 Frangipani (951-699-8845) - 2:30
2 Somerset - 2:15 (leather)

Credit Card Type Visa
Credit Card # [redacted] Expires [redacted] / CVV Code [redacted]
Name on Card Same Card Address [redacted]

Vineyard Limousine Client Conditions and Liability Release Form

non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. 1 Week cancellation notice or full amount will be collected at the beginning of the run.
While in transit in party buses. Vineyard Limousine is not liable for any injury sustained while in transit in party buses. VINEYARD LIMOUSINE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE CEILING OF PARTY BUSES AND NO DANCING ON THE SEATS. PASSENGERS MUST KEEP FEET OFF BAR AND SEATS.
Smoking is not allowed in the vehicle.
Excess time will be billed in 1/2-hour increments.
Stepping out of the sunroof/windows. Doing so will result in immediate termination of the run.
In accordance with California State Law, AB 3628, persons under the age of 21 are not permitted in our vehicles. If during the course of the ride, any minor is found to be, or to have been, in our vehicles, the ride will be terminated and the customer will be brought back to the point of origin of the ride.
Members of the group shall not post any negative reviews on Yelp or Google reviews.
Smoking is prohibited in vehicle. If there is smoking, there is a fine of \$300.
Vineyard Limousine is not responsible for any/all claims of liability, loss, injury, damage, or theft.
Customer is responsible for any and all damage to the limousine and will be charged the following rates: limiting clean-up and infectious waste fee* \$500 Cigarette Burn *\$200 gum/carpet stain removal *\$100 for each broken glass/decanter and \$100 for spilling excessive amounts of alcohol.
Vineyard Limousine cannot be held responsible in any way for traffic conditions, flight delays, or mechanical difficulty, or any unforeseen circumstances.
If run is terminated early, no refund will be issued, as all fees are deemed earned when paid. No Refunds, No Exceptions.

California

COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE



I AGREE TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND HAVE RECEIVED SERVICES

Signature [redacted]

DATE 2/22/25

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT**

Location: Airport/Other: Temecula PSC/TCP/TNC: 28177 Investigator: May 30 by 7-Appel Date: 2/20/25

Prime Carrier: Almondo Diaz (Circle one) Phone#: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Driver: [REDACTED] CDL#: [REDACTED] State: CA Class: B
City: [REDACTED] Zip: J Pals

Phone: [REDACTED] Years w/company: 5 Prime Carrier: [REDACTED]

Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ Other: [REDACTED]
(Circle one)

Comments: [REDACTED]

License Plate #: [REDACTED] VIN #: [REDACTED] Registration Exp.: [REDACTED] Seats: 9

Registered Owner: [REDACTED] Leased/Owned
(Circle one)

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Violation(s):

- Vehicle:**
- ☐ TCP # Not shown on rear/front bumper
 - ☐ Vehicle not listed with PUC
 - ☐ No Trade Dress
 - ☐ Front
 - ☐ Rear
 - ☐ PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle*
 - ☐ Carrier's name not on side of vehicle*

*Exempt for vehicles < 15 passengers incl. driver or leased < 30 days

- Waybill:**
- ☐ No waybill
 - ☐ Carrier Name /TCP#
 - ☐ Vehicle License Plate #
 - ☐ Driver's Name
 - ☐ Time/Date Charter arranged
 - ☐ Origin/Destination
 - ☐ No. of person in group
 - ☐ Name/address of persons arranging charter
 - ☐ Transportation arranged by phone or written contract
 - ☐ Name of at least 1 passenger in traveling party or identification of traveling party's affiliation

- TNC OPS:**
- ☐ No Trade Dress
 - ☐ Front
 - ☐ Rear
 - ☐ Profile Non-Match
 - ☐ Lack Proof of Prearranged Ride
 - ☐ Non-State CDL
 - ☐ No Airport Permit

Violation(s): ☒ Yes, as noted above and in comments below ☐ No Violation

Law Enforcement Citation No.: [REDACTED]

Comments: No Worker's Comp
3 yrs. employed

Signature and Title

Employee

Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enforcement action including imposition of fines



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TCP 28177

ATTACHMENT 3

DMV EPN 3/18/25

Driver List

Driver Name	DL Number	Requester Code	Add Date	Delete Date	Status
			10/03/2018		Enrolled
DIAZ ARMANDO JIMENEZ			10/18/2011		Enrolled