



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Starline Tours of Hollywood, Inc.

File: PSC 227, Revoked

Date: March 4, 2026

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██████████, CA 90040

Citation #: T.2026-03-004

Case #: CSE-000874

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 27, 2026.

- (1) Operated as a charter-party carrier without valid operating authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5379, 5411, 5411.5, and CVC 14602.9 [2 counts].

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 March 24, 2026. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$6,000 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 March 24, 2026, 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.

Shirley Lei

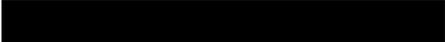
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Attachments

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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated March 4, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$6,000.00.


Commerce, CA

(Signature) (Title)

(Date)

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

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

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Starline Tours of Hollywood, Inc. doing business as (dba) VIP
Starline Tours
Secretary of State Entity 1380892

OFFICERS: Kamrouz Farhadi, CEO
Shoeleh Sapir, Secretary, CFO
Vahid Sapir, Director

AUTHORITY: PSC 227, Revoked on 11/11/2025

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PHONE/EMAIL: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 33

DRIVERS: 181

PL/PD INSURANCE: Texas Insurance Company
Policy# [REDACTED]
Effective Dates: [REDACTED]

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: Pacific Compensation Insurance Company
Policy# [REDACTED]
Effective Date: [REDACTED]

DRUG CONSORTIUM: [REDACTED]

INTRODUCTION

On March 4, 2026, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Starline Tours of Hollywood, Inc. dba VIP Starline Tours (hereinafter referred to as Starline Tours of Hollywood). This assignment was made after Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff observed two red Starline Tours of Hollywood buses operating during revocation of its authority and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) impounded the buses. These impounds occurred at a joint safety compliance operation with LAPD in Hollywood on February 27, 2026.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT

Prior Case, CSE-696: On September 18, 2025, LAPD impounded Starline Tours of Hollywood's white 27-Seat 2012 Ford E-450 open-air bus [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED] from driver [REDACTED], CDL: [REDACTED] for operating during suspension of its authority at a joint safety compliance operation in Hollywood with LAPD.

On September 23, 2025, TEB staff served Starline Tours of Hollywood with a \$2,000 citation (T.2025-09-016) for during suspension of its authority. Starline Tours of Hollywood subsequently paid the \$2,000 fine [Attachment 1].

VIOLATIONS

I investigated Starline Tours of Hollywood for the period of February 27, 2026, and found violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

- **Operated as a charter-party carrier during revocation in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5379, 5411, 5411.5, and CVC 14602.9 [2 counts].**

On November 11, 2025, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch (TLAB) sent Starline Tours of Hollywood an Order of Revocation for failure to submit an annual workers' compensation report and failure to maintain adequate PL&PD commercial insurance [Attachment 2].

On February 27, 2026 at approximately 12:23pm, the TEB's Field Enforcement Unit was conducting a joint safety compliance operation with LAPD in Hollywood when LAPD observed a red 1997 Transit Bus, Plate Utah [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED] operating with five (5) passengers (the passengers said they would be requesting a refund from Starline). We spoke to the driver [REDACTED], CDL: [REDACTED], and he confirmed that he was conducting for-hire passenger transportation. TEB Analyst Mary Sekyi-Appiah issued a Notice to Cease and Desist and an Inspection Observation Report to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and he signed both documents. The LAPD impounded the bus for operating during revocation of its authority, and the bus is being held for up to 30 days per CVC 14602.9 [Attachment 3].

At approximately 3:08pm, the TEB's Field Enforcement Unit staff observed a second red 2000 Transit Bus, Plate Utah [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED] operating with five (2) passengers. We spoke to the driver [REDACTED], CDL: [REDACTED], and she confirmed that she was conducting for-hire passenger transportation. TEB Analyst Mary Sekyi-Appiah issued a Notice to Cease and Desist and an Inspection Observation Report to Malitzin Gonzalez and she signed both documents. The LAPD impounded the bus for operating during revocation of its authority, and the bus is being held for up to 30 days per CVC 14602.9 [Attachment 4].

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 March 4, 2026, in Los Angeles, California.

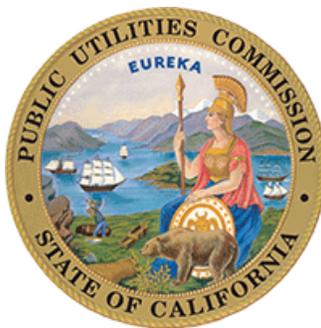
Steve Esquerria
Steve Esquerria, TEB Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

- **Attachment 1** – Prior Citation/Impound, Case CSE-696 (9/18/2025)
- **Attachment 2** -- Order of Revocation (11/11/2025)
- **Attachment 3** – 1st of two Impound records, Utah plate [REDACTED] (2/27/2026)
- **Attachment 4** – 2nd of two Impound records, Utah plate [REDACTED] (2/27/2026)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Prior Citation/Impound, Case CSE-696
(9/18/2025)**



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Starline Tours of Hollywood, Inc.

File: PSC 227, Suspended

[REDACTED]

Date: September 23, 2025

[REDACTED], CA 90040

Citation #: T.2025-09-016

Case #: CSE-000696

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated a section 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 September 18, 2025.

- (1) Operated as a charter-party carrier without valid operating authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5379, 5411, 5411.5, and CVC 14602.9 **[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.

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- (1) 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**
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ATTACHMENT 2

Order of Revocation (11/11/2025)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298



DBA:

PSG0000227

ATTN:STARLINE TOURS OF HOLLYWOOD, INC.



PSC CERTIFICATE

Order of Revocation

This is notice from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that the operating authority listed on this letter is revoked effective **November 11, 2025**.

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 Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC) or a Transportation Charter-Party carrier (TCP) of passengers to conduct any operations as a carrier. (California Public Utilities Code §§ 1045, 5379). Unlawful operations are subject to fines and penalties as set forth in the California Public Utilities Code and may include permanent revocation of your operating authority or being permanently barred from receiving an operating authority.

There is a ninety (90) day period in which a revoked carrier may apply to reinstate the revoked operating authority unless it was permanently revoked.

Date: Nov 11, 2025

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

licensing@cpuc.ca.gov

Revocation Reasons

Reason	Revocation Date
Failure to Submit Annual Workers' Compensation Report (Pub. Util. Code § 5374.6)	November 11, 2025
Failure to maintain adequate public liability and property damage (PL/PD) insurance	November 30, 2025

ATTACHMENT 3

1st of two Impound records, Utah plate
 (2/27/2026)



NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 2/27/26
Carrier: Starline Tours
TCP number: PSC 227 Operating Status: Revoked

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

YOUR COMPANY MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST FROM ANY AND ALL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, UNTIL YOU MEET ALL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND RECEIVE VALID OPERATING AUTHORITY FROM THE CPUC.

ANY OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, WHILE OPERATING IN A SUSPENDED, CANCELLED, REVOKED, OR DENIED STATE IS UNLAWFUL.

This letter places your company on notice that any activity without the required permit or certificate may result in civil or criminal prosecutions, and possible fines, and possible termination of telephone service.

- OPERATION WITHOUT AUTHORITY
Public Utilities Code Sections 5371 and 5387 (TCP)/Section 1031 (PSC) - Circle One
- OPERATION AFTER: SUSPENSION/REVOCATION/EXPIRATION/DENIAL OF AUTHORITY
Public Utilities Code Section 5379 (TCP)/Section 1045 (PSC) - Circle One
- ADVERTISEMENT WITHOUT AUTHORITY
Public Utilities Code Section 5414.5 (TCP)/Section 1037 (PSC) - Circle One

Signature:  Title: Driver

***** DRIVER IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER*****

COMMENTS: Operating after revocation

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more details.



TOP HOLD

VEHICLE REPORT

CHP 180 (Rev. 4-16) OPI 061

NOTE: CHP 180 IS FURNISHED TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Impound

REPORTING DEPARTMENT: LAPD
 LOCATION CODE: 1942
 DATE / TIME OF REPORT: 2-21-26 12:34
 NOTICE OF STORED VEHICLE DELIVERED PERSONALLY: YES NO
 LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM: 6705 Hollywood
 ODOMETER READING: [REDACTED]
 VIN CLEAR IN SVS? YES NO
 LIC. CLEAR IN SVS? YES NO
 YEAR: 97 MAKE: NFLY MODEL: TRANSIT BODY-TYPE: BUS COLOR: RED
 LICENSE NO: [REDACTED] MONTH / YEAR: 09 / 26 STATE: UTAH
 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO: [REDACTED]
 LEGAL OWNER: [REDACTED] BY: [REDACTED] OFFICER OWNER
 0-500 501-4000 4001+ \$
 SAME AS R/O

Tour Coach Transport

STORED IMPOUNDED RELEASED RECOVERED - VEHICLE / COMPONENT

STORAGE AUTHORITY / REASON: 14602-9(6)(2)VC

CONDITION	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		TIRES / WHEELS	CONDITION	
WRECKED					SEAT (FRONT)			REGISTRATION			CAMPER					LEFT FRONT	
BURNED HULK per 4310) CVC					SEAT (REAR)			ALT. / GENERATOR			VESSEL AS LOAD					RIGHT FRONT	
VANDALIZED					RADIO			BATTERY			FIREARMS					LEFT REAR	
ENG. / TRANS. STRIP					TAPE DECK			DIFFERENTIAL			OTHER					RIGHT REAR	
MISC. PARTS STRIP					TAPES			TRANSMISSION								SPARE	
BODY METAL STRIP					OTHER RADIO			AUTOMATIC								HUB CAPS	
SURGICAL STRIP per 4310) CVC					IGNITION KEY			MANUAL								SPECIAL WHEELS	

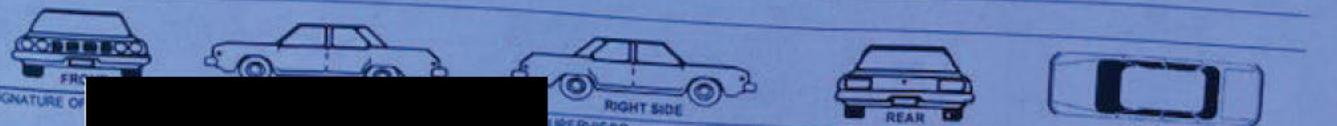
RELEASE VEHICLE TO: R/O OR AGENT AGENCY HOLD 22850.3 CVC
 NAME OF PERSON / AGENCY AUTHORIZING RELEASE: TOP HOLD I.D. NO. DATE
 SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZING RELEASE: [REDACTED]
 GARAGE PRINCIPAL / AGENT STORING VEHICLE (SIGNATURE): [REDACTED] DATE / TIME
 CERTIFICATION: I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM LEGALLY AUTHORIZED AND ENTITLED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE.
 SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING POSSESSION: [REDACTED]

STOLEN VEHICLE / COMPONENT EMBEZZLED VEHICLE PLATE(S) REPORT

DATE / TIME OF OCCURRENCE: DATE / TIME REPORTED: NAME OF REPORTING PARTY (R/P): DRIVER LICENSE NO. / STATE:
 LAST DRIVER OF VEHICLE: DATE / TIME: ADDRESS OF R/P: TELEPHONE OF R/P: ()
 SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING REPORT: ()

I CERTIFY OR DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

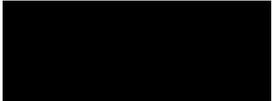
REMARKS (LIST PROPERTY, TOOLS, VEHICLE DAMAGE, ARRESTS)
 DRIVER'S NAME: ARRESTED / SECTION? YES NO REPORTED BY: CARGO / TYPE? YES NO VALUE \$: BILL OF LADING ATTACHED



REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC? YES NO DATE NOTIFIED: 2-27-26

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ATTACHMENT 4

2nd of two Impound records, Utah plate
 (2/27/2026)

NOTE: CHP 180 IS FURNISHED TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

TP Hold
Impound

REPORTING DEPARTMENT: **LAPD** LOCATION CODE: **1942** DATE / TIME OF REPORT: **2-27-2004** LOG NO. [REDACTED]

LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM: **SUNSET / SYCAMORE** ODOMETER READING: [REDACTED] VIN CLEAR IN SVS? YES NO LIC CLEAR IN SVS? YES NO

YEAR: **00** MAKE: **ALFA ROMEO** MODEL: [REDACTED] BODY TYPE: [REDACTED] COLOR: **RED** ENGINE NO. [REDACTED]

LEGAL OWNER: ONE MONTH / YEAR TWO MONTH / YEAR OFFICER OWNER

BY: [REDACTED] 0-500 501-4000 4001+ \$

REASON FOR STOP: **SCREAMING TIRE** SAME AS R/O

STORED IMPOUNDED RELEASED RECOVERED - VEHICLE / COMPONENT

CONDITION	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		TIRES / WHEELS	CONDITION	
WRECKED					SEAT (FRONT)					REGISTRATION					CAMPER					LEFT FRONT		
BURNED HULK per 431(c) CVC					SEAT (REAR)					ALT. / GENERATOR					VESSEL AS LOAD					RIGHT FRONT		
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RELEASE VEHICLE TO: R/O OR AGENT AGENCY HOLD 22850.3 CVC

NAME OF PERSON / AGENCY AUTHORIZING RELEASE: **TP Hold** I.D. NO. [REDACTED] DATE [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZING RELEASE: [REDACTED]

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING POSSESSION: [REDACTED]

STOLEN VEHICLE / COMPONENT EMBEZZLED VEHICLE PLATE(S) REPORT

DATE / TIME OF OCCURRENCE: [REDACTED] DATE / TIME REPORTED: [REDACTED] NAME OF REPORTING PARTY (R/P): [REDACTED] DRIVER LICENSE NO. / STATE: [REDACTED]

LAST DRIVER OF VEHICLE: [REDACTED] DATE / TIME: [REDACTED] ADDRESS OF R/P: [REDACTED] TELEPHONE OF R/P: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING REPORT: [REDACTED]

I CERTIFY OR DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

REMARKS
(LIST PROPERTY, TOOLS, VEHICLE DAMAGE, ARRESTS)

DRIVER'S NAME: [REDACTED] ARRESTED / SECTION? YES NO REPORTED BY: [REDACTED] CARGO / TYPE? YES NO VALUE \$: [REDACTED]

BILL OF LADING ATTACHED



REVISOR: [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]

REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC? YES NO DATE NOTIFIED: **2-27-04**

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NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 2/27/20
Carrier: Starline Truss
TCP number: 227 Operating Status: Revoked

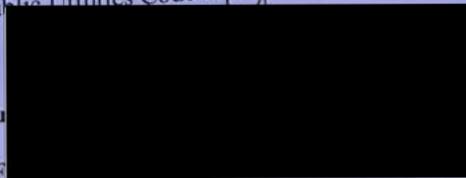
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Signature:  Title Driver

*****IF REDACTED IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER*****

COMMENTS: Operating after revocation. 9505 (Tom Coak is suspended.

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more details.

[Signature]
Enforcement Analyst Signature

CPUC COPY