

### Public Utilities Commission STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

| Го: | Sola Shuttle LLC   | File: TCP-41903 Revoked       |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|     | Attn: Chann Cheang | Date: April 18, 2024          |
|     |                    | Citation#: <u>T.24-04-003</u> |
|     |                    | Case #: <u>CSE-17</u>         |

### **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. This violation occurred on October 15, 2023.

(1) Operated as a charter-party carrier during the suspension 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**

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 May 8, 2024. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (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**
- (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 May 8, 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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### **INVESTIGATION REPORT**

Case: CSE-000017

**CARRIER:** Sola Shuttle, LLC

**OFFICER:** Chann Cheang, Owner

**AUTHORITY:** TCP 41903-B -- Suspended

ADDRESS:

PHONE/EMAIL:

VEHICLE: 1 Van

**DRIVER(S):** Chann Cheang

**PL&PD INSURANCE:** Redwood Fire and Casualty Insurance Company

Policy #:

Policy Cancellation Date: December 21, 2023

WORKERS'

COMPENSATION

**INSURANCE:** N/A

**DRUG CONSORTIUM:** A-1 Airport Drug Testing

REVENUE:

### INTRODUCTION

On November 17, 2023, I was assigned to investigate Sola Shuttle LLC's (hereinafter referred to as Sola Shuttle) operations and practices because it was observed operating at Ports America in Los Angeles with a suspended authority on October 15, 2023 [Attachment 1].

### **VIOLATION**

The October 15, 2023 investigation disclosed the following violations of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and Commission's General Order (G. O.):

• Operated as a charter-party carrier during suspension of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379. [1 Counts]

Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch (TLAB) record shows Sola Shuttle TCP-40903B was suspended on September 30, 2023, for lack of Personal Liability and Property Damage (PLPD) insurance [Attachment 2]. During the Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) joint operation with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation at Ports America on October 15, 2023, Sola Shuttle was observed operating with a van with the license plate

An Electronic Waybill obtained from owner-driver Chann Cheang showed a trip from Ports America to Long Beach Airport [Attachment 1]. Enforcement Analyst served a Cease and Desist Notice to owner Chann Cheang for operating with a suspended authority [Attachment 3].

### **DECLARATION**

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

Executed on 4/8/2024 at San Francisco, California

Shirley Lei, TEB Enforcement Analyst

Shirley Lei

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## ATTACHMENT 1

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102-3298



DBA: SOLA SHUTTLE PSG0041903

ATTN:SOLA SHUTTLE, LLC



TCP CLASS B CERTIFICATE

### **CPUC Order of Suspension**

This is notice from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that the operating authority listed on this letter is suspended effective **September 30, 2023**.

#### Failure to maintain PLPD insurance

Unless the suspension was requested voluntarily, if the reason(s) for the suspension are not resolved within 90 days, on **December 29, 2023**, the operating authority will be revoked. Voluntary suspensions may stay in effect without becoming revoked until the operating authority expires.

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.

A carrier whose certificate or permit is suspended due to failing to pass a vehicle inspection by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) (California Public Utilities Code § 5378.5, Commission Resolution TL-18336) may obtain a reinspection of its terminal and vehicles by the CHP by submitting a written request for reinstatement to CPUC and paying a reinstatement fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). (California Public Utilities Code § 5378.5(b)). Upon receipt of a written recommendation from CHP to suspend a carrier's operating authority, a carrier may request a hearing of the suspension by making a written request to CPUC and the CHP showing cause why the suspension should not be continued.

If your suspension is due to failing to maintain adequate insurance, you must contact your insurance provider to reinstate your policy on-file with the CPUC.

Date: Sep 30, 2023

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF CALIFORNIA

licensing@cpuc.ca.gov

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

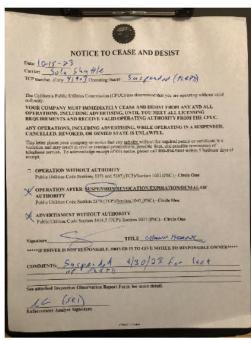
Attachment 3: Solo Shuttle LLC. (license plate Solo One and Gold Van)



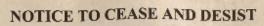








## **ATTACHMENT 3**



| Date: 10-15-23  |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Carrier: Sola Shattle   |  |  |
| TCP number, if any 41903 Operating Status: Suspended (PL&PD)  |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| 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 is a violation and may result in civil or criminal prosecutions, possible fines, and possible termination of telephone service. To acknowledge receipt of this notice, please call 800-894-9444 within 5 business days of receipt. |  |  |
| □ 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  |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| ADVERTISMENT WITHOUT AUTHORITY Public Utilities Code Section 5414.5 (TCP)/ Section 1037 (PSC) Circle One  |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| Signature TITLE CHANN HEAVY   |  |  |
| *****IF DRIVER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, DRIVER IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER*****   |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| COMMENTS: 545per ded 4/30/23 for (act   |  |  |
| OF PLAFO  |  |  |
|   |  |  |
| See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more detail.  |  |  |
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| 16 (581)  |  |  |

Enforcement Analyst Signature