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CPUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS LIMOUSINES, SHUTTLES, AND BUS COMPANIES

SAN FRANCISCO, December 17, 2014 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection, took a number of actions during the third quarter of 2014 to protect consumers from illegally operating passenger carriers (limousines, buses, and shuttle companies) for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations, including General Orders (GO) 115-F and 157-D.

Administrative Citations

Eight companies were cited and fined a total of \$ 9,000 for one or more of these violations:

1. Advertised a revoked permit number
2. Failed to enroll and/or pre-employment test drivers in a mandatory drug and alcohol program
3. Failed to enroll drivers in DMV Pull Notice program
4. GO 157-D violation (failed to maintain a current equipment list, no sub-carrier agreement, or incomplete waybills)
5. Operated without a valid authority (suspended or unlicensed)
6. Operated vehicles that are not insured at the required minimum level of public liability and property damage insurance
7. Failed to properly report gross revenue earned
8. Failed to respond to consumer complaints

Companies cited:

1. Luxe Transportation Company LLC, San Diego, CA (TCP 28472)
2. A& E Concierge, Aliso Viejo, CA (TCP 28398)
3. Shuttle California Van Charters, Vallejo, CA (TCP 25683)
4. Sylvia Gomez dba Limo911, Temecula, CA (TCP 32355)
5. Lolita Sweet dba Bay Limousine LLC, San Francisco (TCP 19796)
6. Ace/Executive Limo Services LLC, Simi Valley (TCP 34035-Pend)



Phone Disconnections

As part of its ongoing efforts to clamp down on illegal transportation companies, the CPUC had telephone service shut off to two charter party carriers operating in California without authority. These companies continued to advertise and hold themselves out to engage in the business of transporting passenger, notwithstanding CPUC staff directives to immediately cease and desist unlawful acts and to obtain a transportation charter party permit.

Syed Gali Jafri dba The Bay Limo and Limo Luxury Ground Trans, Milpitas (TCP 25972 Revoked): This company solicited costumers while its license was revoked. Notwithstanding a CPUC Cease and Desist letter directing the company to immediately stop all unlawful advertising and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On August 6, 2014, CPUC staff obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the telephone number advertised and used by the company to violate criminal laws in California.

LPB Inc. dba Leon Party Bus (TCP Unlicensed): This company advertised and offered transportation services on the Internet without having obtained a permit. Notwithstanding a CPUC Cease and Desist letter directing the company to immediately stop all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On September 12, 2014, CPUC staff obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the number advertised and used by the company to violate criminal laws in California

Enforcement Actions at Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA):

Number of citations issued by LAWA police (unlicensed operations only)	196
Number of vehicles impounded	180

Official Notices

Nine companies received Official Notices for one or more of these violations:

1. Engaged drivers prior to enrollment in the DMV pull notice and drug and alcohol programs
2. Advertised and operated without authority (prior to issuance, expired, or suspended)
3. Conducted operations at an airport without holding an airport permit
4. Engaged drivers without workers' compensation insurance on file and in effect
5. Failed to include TCP authority number in advertisements
6. Failed to update equipment list
7. Incomplete or no waybills

8. Knowingly and intentionally filed a false report that understates revenues and fees

Company receiving a Notice:

1. Party Bus Guys, Inc. dba VIP Club Bus (TCP 31124)
2. Babkyan & Arsen Dallakyan dba AAA BOI Limousine LLC, Van Nuys (TCP-29331)
3. Albert King dba King Limousine Service, Bakersfield, (unlicensed)
4. Rafael Hernandez dba Eagle Transportation, West Covina (TCP13330)
5. Walled Amin Jaradie dba Wily Limo, San Francisco (TCP 27021)
6. William Dean Sikes II dba Hollywood Private Tours, Los Angeles (TCP-28640)
7. Bobby Huffstetter dba Gold Rush Airport Shuttle, Sonora (Unlicensed)
8. Andrew G. Spinoso dba San Diego Hot Limos, San Diego (TCP 26628)
9. Armen Hovhannisyan, dba Prestige Limo Service, Panorama City (TCP 24785B)

Refunds and Settlement Claims

The following seven companies agreed to refund consumers for service-related complaints:

1. Pacific Coast Sightseeing Tours & Charters, Anaheim (PSG 29151)
2. SuperShuttle Los Angeles, Torrance (PSG 9635)
3. SuperShuttle of San Francisco, So. San Francisco (PSG 1298)
4. Prime Time Shuttle Los Angeles, Los Angeles (PSG 11415)
5. Social Trends, Inc. 28687, Burlingame (PSG 28687)
6. Greyhound Lines, Inc. 00001, Cincinnati (PSG 00001)
7. Shuttle California Van Charters, Richmond (TCP 26692)

Cease and Desist Notices

The following 31 companies were issued a Cease and Desist notice for operating and/or advertising without a valid charter party authority (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied, or expired):

1. Aventine Transportation LLC, Spring Valley (TCP 16179)
2. Her Majesty's Ride, Inc., Anaheim (TCP 22829)
3. Coastal Breeze Limousine LLC, Sacramento (TCP 20641 revoked)
4. Xiao Feng Yang dba Xiao Xiao Travel, Baldwin Park (TCP 16251).
5. Bobby Huffstetter dba Gold Rush Airport Shuttle, Sonora (unlicensed)
6. Trayseer Baddour dba LA Executive Limousine Services, Los Angeles (TCP 26899)
7. Le Grand Adventure Tours, Truckee (Unlicensed)
8. Enterprising Labs, Inc. dba Fleet, Menlo Park (Unlicensed)
9. Fox Express LLC, Lynwood (PSC 21536)
10. In-Custody Transportation Inc., San Dimas (PSG 26558)
11. Marcos Jose Candido dba Legacy Limousine, Antioch (TCP 15303)

12. Erik Alan Avery dba Avery Limo Broker LLC, San Diego (TCP 30587)
13. A Private Limousine, Newport Beach (TCP 13149)
14. Cedric Bernard Jones dba Starbuzz Tours, Hollywood (Unlicensed)
15. Superstar Celebrity Home Tours, LLC, Reseda (TCP 025277)
16. Carefree Natomas Limited Partnership dba Carefree Senior Living, Sacramento (TCP 30738)
17. Sylvia Gomez dba Limo911, Temecula (TCP 32355)
18. Luxury Sports LLC, Whittier (TCP 26106 Expired)
19. Cedric Bernard dba Starbuzz Tours, Hollywood (Unlicensed)
20. Movie Location Tours LLC, Hollywood (PSG 27507)
21. Hollywood Fantasy Tours, Hollywood (PSG 21120)
22. Advanced (Leopard) Limousine Tours, Hollywood (Unlicensed)
23. Discover America Tours, Hollywood (PSG 24374)
24. Pausemo Inc./Hollywood Sightseeing Tours, Hollywood (PSG 22515)
25. LA Active Adventures, Hollywood (PSG 22877)
26. Rock Star Tours, Inc., Hollywood (PSG 24984)
27. Top Tours, Hollywood (PSG 19084)
28. Hot Rod Hollywood Tours/Street Rod Limos, Hollywood (PSG 23770)
29. Hollywood Fun Tours, Los Angeles (PSG 18560)
30. VIP Tours & Charters, Los Angeles (PSG 13165)
31. Beverly Hills 25 Limousines, Beverly Hills (Unlicensed)

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