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

SAN FRANCISCO, February 5, 2016 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection, took a number of actions to protect consumers from illegally operating passenger carriers during the fourth quarter of 2015.

The CPUC took the following enforcement actions against limousine, bus, and shuttle companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations, including General Orders (GO) 115-F and 157-D.

Criminal Filings

Update:

- **OCSC Case #15C00606, LPB Inc. and David Eduardo Leon CEO dba Leon Party Bus, Downey (Unlicensed), Case PSG 3804:** CPUC staff submitted a report requesting that the Orange County District Attorney's Office file a misdemeanor complaint against this company for operating and advertising without CPUC authority. On May 27, 2015, the Orange County District Attorney's Office filed a 3-count misdemeanor complaint in Central Orange County Superior Court for violations of PUC section 5371 (1 count), PUC section 5412 (1 count) operating and advertising without PUC authority, and Business and Professions C section 16240 (1 count) operating without a valid license. The defendant pled not guilty. In October, the defendant was convicted on three counts (PUC 5371, 5412, and BP 16240) and sentenced to 90 days in county jail, which was stayed pending completion of 24 months informal probation, and ordered to pay \$4,432 in fines, fees, and victim restitution, and required to submit DNA sample.

Administrative Citations

Fourteen companies were cited and fined a total of \$37,000 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. General Order 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. Alive Transportation, Inc., San Diego (TCP 32267)
2. Herman G. Mwaniki dba Wine Road Tours, Santa Rosa (TCP 20124)
3. Saenz Express LLC dba Nueva Concord's Express, Chula Vista (PSC 26418)
4. Severino Barrera dba Gallo Express, San Ysidro (TCP 30995)
5. John Stuart Brenner dba Hollywood Town Ca and Limousine, Malibu (TCP 26287)
6. Gurmeet Singh Sahni dba Century Airport Service, Tracy (TCP 16980)
7. Happyman Entertainment LLC, West Covina (TCP 26001)
8. Damei International Group, City of Industry (TCP 31158)
9. Hazal Inc. San Francisco (TCP 29955)
10. Esquare United Group LLC, Long Beach (TCP 31717)
11. Miguel Espinoza dba Genesis Limo Service, Costa Mesa (TCP 30875)
12. Yabsra Transportation LLC, San Diego (TCP 31748)
13. Pacific Limo Service & Tour, Inc., Oceanside (TCP 27561)
14. Ali B. Zanjani dba Royalty Limousine, Inc., Poway (TCP 16194)

Phone Disconnections

As part of its ongoing efforts to clamp down on illegal transportation companies, the CPUC had telephone service shut off to a charter party carrier operating in California without authority.

This company continued to advertise and hold itself out to engage in the business of transporting passengers, notwithstanding CPUC staff directives to immediately cease and desist unlawful acts and to obtain a transportation charter party permit:

- **Teodoro Villanueva dba Califormula Party Bus, San Diego (TCP 27739):** This company advertised and offered transportation services on the Internet after denial of his permit. The advertisement listed two phone numbers. Notwithstanding the CPUC's cease and desist letter directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On November 18, 2015, the CPUC obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a San Diego County Superior Court Judge ordering the disconnection of telephone service to the two numbers 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)	47
Number of vehicles impounded	45

Official Notices

Ten companies 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 notice:

1. Diamond Style Limousine Inc., dba Diamond Style Limousine, Oxnard (PSG 32525)
2. Dolightful, Inc., dba Kangado, San Francisco (TCP 35591)
3. Israel Medina dba World Class Limousine Inc., Antioch (Unlicensed)
4. Usha Rattan, LLC dba Bay Area Charter Transportation, Napa (TCP 34677)
5. Cando Business Services, Inc., Santa Clarita (PSG 35562)
6. Flying Fox Entertainment LLC dba Rockbar Theater, San Jose (Unlicensed)
7. Sundust Limousine Service, Glendale (TCP 31961)
8. Yail Academy, La Crescenta (TCP 36525)
9. Fayz, LLC, San Francisco (TCP 34857).
10. Private Reserve Limousine, Paso Robles (TCP 32684)

Refunds and Settlement Claims

1. South Bay Airport Shuttle Inc., dba South and East Bay Airport Shuttle (TCP 5196): The company refunded \$41 for failure to provide contacted service.
2. Hollywoodland Tours Inc. dba Hollywoodland Tours, Los Angeles (TCP 34188): The company refunded \$75 to a customer.
3. Rideshare Port Management LLC dba Prime Time Shuttle, Hawthorne (TCP 11415): The company refunded \$722 for failure to provide contracted service.

PUCTRA Fees

Transportation charter-party carriers are required to pay Public Utilities Commission Transportation Revenue Account (PUCTRA) fees. These fees are based on the accurate reporting of a carrier's gross revenues. Thorough ongoing investigations, the CPUC has recovered \$9, 800 in unpaid PUCTRA fees.

Cease and Desist Notices

The following companies were issued a cease and desist notice for the violation of operating and/or advertising without a valid charter-party authority (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied, or expired):

1. Teodoro Villanueva dba Califormula Party Bus, Bonita (TCP 27738)
2. Larco Enterprises dba AB Charter, Grand Terrace (TCP 19772)
3. Black Hawk Car Service Limos & Buses LLC, San Francisco (TCP 20481)
4. Patrick McDonald dba Brewery Tours of Temecula, Temecula (TCP 30070)
5. Backroads Utah, Utah and Berkeley (Unlicensed)
6. Johnnie Linda Powe-Magee/Vaughn Hicks, dba All Three Transit, dba Sunrise Cleaning Service, Bakersfield (Unlicensed)
7. Flying Fox Entertainment LLC, dba Rockbar Theater, San Jose (Unlicensed)
8. Russell Scott Glasser dba Air Ride Limousine Service LLC, Los Angeles (Unlicensed)
9. Legendary Tours LLC, La Quinta (TCP 24505)
10. Gabriel Owens and Adam DeFazio dba Rage Coach, Sacramento (Unlicensed)
11. Jose Alvarado, Sacramento (Unlicensed)
12. USAsia Casino Tours Entertainment, Inc., Millbrae (TCP 12159)
13. The Bingo Casino Shuttle Service, Richmond (TCP 21124)
14. Ali B. Zanjani dba Royalty Limousine Inc, Poway (TCP 16194)
15. Le Ride Driving Service, Inc., Orangevale (Unlicensed)
16. Her Majesty's Ride Inc. dba H.M.R. Transportation, Santa Ana (TCP 22829)

17. Fahri Cimen dba Highline Transportation/Highline Charter, La Mesa (TCP 27435)
18. Highline Charter Inc., San Diego (TCP 35957)
19. Southern California Transportation and Tours dba Socal, Lake Forest (TCP 35198)
20. Grupo Azteca LLC dba Airport Shuttle, San Diego (TCP 14007)
21. Reslan Global Trading Inc. dba Reslan Auto Group, San Diego (TCP 33676)
22. VIP Tours, Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 29323)
23. American Yellow Cab, Inc. dba Express By Execucar, Laguna Niguel (TCP 29091)
24. Yabsra Transportation LLC, San Diego (TCP 31748)
25. Joseph Elizondo, Sanger (Unlicensed)
26. Adventure Shuttle and Living Waters Recreation Rafting, Mount Shasta (Unlicensed)
27. Sherri L. Luallin dba Lost Coast Shuttle, White Horn (Unlicensed)
28. Esquare United Group LLC dba Esquare United Group, Long Beach (TCP 31717)
29. Pro Limo Services, Woodland Hills (TCP 35882)
30. Eduardo Marciano dba NS High Fly Limo Services, San Bruno (Unlicensed)
31. Toreck LLC dba Dark Horse Limousine, Newport Beach (TCP 26313)
32. Sean Carthew dba British Limousine Service, Santee (Unlicensed)

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