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

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15, 2016 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection, took a number of actions during the first quarter of 2016 to protect consumers from illegally operating 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.

Administrative Citations

Twelve companies were cited and fined a total of \$44,500 for one or more of the following 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. Hollywoodland Tours, Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 34188)
2. Ramien James Houshmand dba Rockstar Transportation Service, Goleta (TCP 19897)
3. Southern California & Tours, Inc., dba Social Charter, Ontario (TCP 35198)
4. City Safari Hollywood Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 22369)
5. Black Cap Limousine, Inc., dba Limousine Service, Mountain View (TCP 28130)

6. Wonderful Tours Inc., El Monte (TCP 28784)
7. Grupo Azteca LLC dba Airport Shuttle, San Diego (TCP 14007)
8. Her Majesty's Ride Inc., dba H.M.R. Transportation, Anaheim (TCP 22829)
9. Hector Bravo Soltero dba Bravosol Tours, Calexico (TCP 20048)
10. Miguel Angel Duenas dba VIP Transportation Services, Montebello (TCP 26782)
11. Newport Investments LLC, Encino (TCP 25893)
12. Toreck LLC dba Dark Horse Limousines, Newport Beach (TCP 26313)

Enforcement Actions at Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA):

Number of citations issued by LAWA police (unlicensed operations only)	9
Number of vehicles impounded	7

Official Notices

Fifteen 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. ATH Limo LLC, Alameda (TCP 32466)
2. Vikram Passi dba Great Way Limousine, Hayward (TCP 30276)
3. Fahri Cimen dba Highline Transportation/Highline Charter, San Diego (TCP 27435)
4. Highline Charter, Inc., San Diego (TCP 35957)
5. James Houshmand dba Rockstar Transportation Service, Goleta (TCP 15380)
6. Le Ride Driving Services Inc., Orangevale (Unlicensed)
7. Reginal Goulart dba House/Pet Sitting, Sebastopol (Unlicensed)
8. James Weatherall dba Upscale Executive Transportation, Diamond Bar (MTR 197199)
9. Dominique Prince dba It's Your Limo, San Pedro (Unlicensed)
10. Brooks Transportation Inc., West Hills (TCP 21705)
11. Arthur Champie dba Napa Sonoma Wine Tasting Driver, Vacaville (Unlicensed)
12. SF Ride, Inc., Mountain View (TCP 29582)
13. Masoud Zahedi Seysan dba Black Royal Limousine, Irvine (TCP 34876)
14. Donna L. Jackson dba Napa Bee Driven, Napa (TCP 36266)
15. CA Limo Service LLC, Fremont (TCP 27001)

Refunds and Settlement Claims

1. Usama Al Bostani dba Airport Express Shuttle, Redondo Beach (TCP 6595)
2. Red Vans Mgmt. Services Inc., dba Shuttle 2 LAX, Hawthorne (TCP 19866)
3. Greyhound Lines Inc. dba Boltbus, Dallas (TCP 00001)
4. It's About Time Transportation LLC dba Prime Time Shuttle, Costa Mesa (TCP 30287)
5. Rideshare Port Management LLC dba Prime Time Shuttle, Hawthorne (TCP 11415)

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. Through ongoing investigations, the CPUC has recovered \$4,250 in unpaid PUCTRA fees.

Cease and Desist Notices

Twenty-six companies were issued a cease and desist (C&D) notice for the violation of operating and/or advertising without a valid charter-party authority (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied, or expired).

Companies issued a C&D notice:

1. Farid Nikkhoo dba Limo Zone, Orange (TCP 31548)
2. Richard Graedel dba Driver Chico, Chico (Unlicensed)
3. Joseph Osheroe and Igor Tverskoy dba LX Limo, Renton, WA (Unlicensed)
4. Tony Cabrera dba Getting Out Limousine, Ventura (Unlicensed)
5. Coast II Coast Services, Inc. dba Kelley Transportation (TCP 25528)
6. Tom Rigby dba Silver Shadow Tours, Paso Robles (Unlicensed)
7. Miguel Angel Duenas dba VIP Transportation Services, Montebello (TCP 26782)
8. Napa Red Cab, Napa (Unlicensed)
9. Regina Lee Goulart dba House/Pet Sitting, Sebastopol (Unlicensed)
10. Revival Express, Redding (Unlicensed)
11. iCommute Inc. dba RidePal, San Francisco (Unlicensed)
12. Evolve Executive Car Service SF LLC, San Francisco (TCP 28004)
13. Yabsra Transportation LLC, San Diego (TCP 31748)
14. Donna Jackson, dba Napa Bee Driven, Napa (Unlicensed)
15. Tower Tours LLC, San Francisco, (TCP 15583)
16. Philip Betz dba Airport Transportation and Car, Palmdale (Unlicensed)
17. Social Drv, LLC, Fremont, (Unlicensed)
18. Bluesky Tours, Los Angeles (TCP 26135)
19. Ultimate Buses, Inc., Riverside (TCP 29353)
20. Brent Kiewsidea dba BL By The Shore Experience, Salinas (Unlicensed)
21. Shasta Shuttle and Taxi, Mount Shasta (Unlicensed)
22. Vladimir Frakt dba Frakt Classic Limo Service, San Jose (Unlicensed)
23. Robert Poelker dba Vintage Dream Rolls Royce Service, Hollister (TCP 31447)

24. Mohammad Elfatih Abdelgadir dba ATA Transportation, San Lorenzo (Unlicensed)
25. Arturo Ortiz dba Limousine Art Transportation Service, Oxnard (Unlicensed)
26. A and A Livery LLC, Navarre (TCP 18850)

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