Decision No. R24-0491-I

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24G-0194HHG

COLORADO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,

COMPLAINANT,

V.

MICHELLE MARIE ROJAS & MARGERTO B ROJAS DOING BUSINESS AS MEAN MOMMA BOSS B1TCH MOVING,

RESPONDENT.

# INTERIM DECISION PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTIES TO FILE A STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE PREFERENCE FOR A REMOTE, HYBRID, OR IN-PERSON HEARING

Issued Date: July 10, 2024

# I. <u>STATEMENT</u>

## A. Procedural History

1. On May 1, 2024, the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") issued a Civil Penalty Assessment or Notice of Complaint to Appear No. 140139 ("CPAN") against Michelle Marie Rojas & Margerto B. Rojas, doing business as Mean Momma Boss B1tch Moving ("Respondent") alleging one count of violating § 40-10.1-107(1), C.R.S. and one count of

§ 40-10.1-502(1(a), C.R.S. on April 11, 2024. The CPAN states that the civil penalty assessed for the alleged violations is \$13,915.00, but that if Respondent pays the civil penalty within ten calendar days of its receipt of the CPAN, the civil penalty will be reduced to \$6,957.50. Finally, the CPAN states that, if the Commission does not receive payment within ten days, the CPAN will convert into a Notice of Complaint to Appear and a hearing will be scheduled at which the Commission Staff will seek the "Total Amount" of \$13,915.00.¹ The CPAN also states that the Commission may order Respondent to cease and desist from violating statutes and Commission rules.²

- 2. The CPAN states that it was personally served on Respondent on May 1, 2024.
- 3. On June 12, 2024, Trial Staff of the Commission entered its appearance in this proceeding.
- 4. Respondent has not paid any amount, much less the reduced civil penalty amount or the total civil penalty amount, of the CPAN.
- 5. On June 17, 2024, the Commission referred this proceeding by minute entry to an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for disposition. The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

#### B. Hearing

6. The Commission can conduct in-person, remote, or hybrid hearings. A remote hearing is one in which all of the participants appear and participate from remote locations over the Zoom web conferencing platform. A hybrid hearing involves the ALJ and at least one party and/or witness participating from one of the Commission's hearing rooms in Denver, and the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CPAN No. 140139 at 3.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id.

remaining party(ies) and witness(es) participating from one or more remote locations using the Zoom web conferencing platform. An in-person hearing is one in which the ALJ and all parties and witnesses participate in the hearing at the same location.

- 7. The parties will be given the opportunity to file a Statement Regarding Hearing identifying the filer's preference for an in-person, remote, or hybrid hearing. If a filer prefers an in-person hearing, the filer must identify its preferred location and provide an explanation of why the hearing should be conducted at the filer's preferred location. Any additional information supporting a request for a particular method of conducting the hearing (*e.g.*, remote, hybrid, or in-person) can be included in a Statement Regarding Hearing.
- 8. The deadline for filing of the Statements Regarding Hearing will be **July 19, 2024**. The parties are on notice that the ALJ will retain discretion to change the method by which the hearing will be conducted (*e.g.*, remote, hybrid, or in-person) and/or the location of the hearing.

## C. Additional Advisements

9. The parties are advised and are on notice that this proceeding is governed by the Rules of Practice and Procedure found at 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1. The ALJ expects the parties to be familiar with and to comply with these rules. The rules are available on the Commission's website <a href="http://www.dora.colorado.gov/puc">http://www.dora.colorado.gov/puc</a> and in hard copy from the Commission.

## II. ORDER

## It is Ordered That:

1. The deadline to file any Statement Regarding Hearing containing the information described above is **5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2024**.

2. This Decision is effective immediately.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

Rebecca E. White, Director