



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Los Angeles Charter Transportation, Inc

Attn: Pedro Rolando Leiva

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

File: TCP 41329-B, Suspended

Date: November 22, 2024

Citation: T.24-11-007

Case: CSE-188

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated sections of the Public Utilities Code (P.U. Code) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period from June 20, 2024, through November 20, 2024.

- (1) Operated three school buses not on file with the commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381, 5382, 5411 and G.O. 157-E, Part 4.01 [3 counts];
- (2) Failed to include pertinent information on a waybill in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381, 5382, 5411 and General Order 157-E, Part 3.01 [1 count].

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of 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 December 13, 2024. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$4,000.00 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 December 13, 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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Attachments

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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated November 22, 2024, and herewith pay the fine of \$4,000.00.

Pedro Rolando Leiva, CEO, CFO
Los Angeles Charter Transportation, Inc
[REDACTED], CA

(Signature) (Title)

(Date)

Payment (cashier's check or money order) should be made payable to *California Public Utilities Commission* and sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Fiscal Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Los Angeles Charter Transportation, Inc

OFFICER: Pedro Rolando Leiva, CEO, Secretary, CFO

AUTHORITY: TCP 41329-B, Suspended 11/13/2024

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE/EMAIL: [REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 10

DRIVERS: 12

PL&PD INSURANCE: [REDACTED]
Policy# [REDACTED]
Effective Dates: 4/15/2024-4/15/2025

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: [REDACTED]
Policy# [REDACTED]
Effective Dates: 4/15/2024-4/15/2025

DRUG CONSORTIUM: [REDACTED]

REVENUE: 2022: \$ [REDACTED]
2023: \$ [REDACTED]
2024: \$ [REDACTED]

INTRODUCTION

On June 20, 2024, Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff were participating in a joint compliance inspection with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. Three of Los Angeles Charter Transportation, Inc.'s yellow school buses were observed dropping off students from [REDACTED] Middle School (hereinafter referred to as Los Angeles Charter Transportation) [Attachment 1]. On November 4, 2024, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Los Angeles Charter Transportation.

VIOLATIONS

The investigation for June 20, 2024-November 20, 2024, disclosed violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

- **Operated three school buses not on file with the commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381, 5382, 5411 and G.O. 157-E, Part 4.01 [3 counts].**

On June 20, 2024, three of Los Angeles Charter Transportation's yellow school buses were observed dropping off students at the library, but these three buses (Plate: [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED]; Plate: [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED]; and Plate: [REDACTED] VIN [REDACTED]) were not listed on their equipment list and CHP took two of the three buses Out-Of-Service (Plate: [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED]; and Plate: [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED]) [Attachment 1]. Note: These three buses were still not added to their equipment list as of November 21, 2024.

Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch records show that Los Angeles Charter Transportation listed only three unrelated buses on their equipment list (VIN [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and VIN [REDACTED]) [Attachment 2].

- **Failed to include pertinent information on a waybill in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381, 5382, 5411 and General Order 157-E, Part 3.01 [1 count].**

My review of Los Angeles Charter Transportation's waybill (Los Angeles Charter Transportation Driver Trip Sheet) disclosed that it lacked the following information as required by G.O. 157-E, Part 3.01: **[Attachment 3]**:

1. TCP number.
2. Vehicle license plate number.
3. Time and date when the charter was arranged.
4. Whether the transportation was arranged by telephone, written contract, or electronic communication.

DECLARATION

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

Executed on November 22, 2024, in Los Angeles, California.

_____ *Steve Esquerro* _____
Steve Esquerro, TEB Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

- **Attachment 1** -- Inspection Observation Report, 3 bus photos, 3 CHP Inspections and DMV Used Vehicle Temporary ID VIN 1652 (6/20/24)
- **Attachment 2** -- Vehicle Equipment List (TCP Portal)
- **Attachment 3** -- Waybill “Los Angeles Charter Transportation Driver Trip Sheet” (6/20/24)

ATTACHMENT 1

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT

Date: 6-20-24

Ronald Reagan

Location: Airport/Other Library
(circle one)

PSC/TCP# 41329

Investigator: S. Esquivra

Carrier: Los Angeles Charter Transportation Inc Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Driver: [Redacted] (Bus) CDL#: [Redacted] CDL Class: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted] City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship with Carrier: Owner Employee Sub-carrier

Years w/company: 6 months Other _____

Prime carrier: _____

Comments: _____

License Plate #: [Redacted] VIN #: _____ Seats: 84 Limo Van Buses Yellow School

Registered Owner: [Redacted] Leased Owned

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Violation(s):

- Vehicle Markings TCP # not shown on rear bumper TCP # not shown on front bumper
 No Decal or Temp. Decal Letter No Livery Plate or Temp. Livery Plate Letter
 PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle * Carrier's name not on side of vehicle *

*exempt for vehicles < 15 passengers incl. driver or leased < 30 days

- Waybill: No waybill Carrier Name /TCP # Vehicle License Plate #
 Driver's name Time/Date Charter arranged Origin/Destination
 No. of person in the group Name/address of person arranging charter
 Transportation arranged by phone or written contract
 Name of at least 1 passenger in traveling party or identification of traveling party's affiliation

Other: 3 Vehicle not listed with PUC License plate on decal does not match vehicle

Violation(s): Yes, as noted above and in comments below No Violation

CHP/Airport Citation No.: _____

Comments: 3 buses not listed with PUC.

3 buses without TCP numbers on sides of bus.

Bus ([Redacted]) is missing front license plate.

Driver

Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enforcement action including imposition of fines

*** IF DRIVER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER ***



USED VEHICLE DEALER NOTICE/TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION
(Must be affixed to the vehicle before delivery to the purchaser)

[REDACTED]

MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	BODY TYPE	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	DATE SOLD (MO./DAY/YR)
Thomas	1996	School Bus	BU	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	03/09/2024
DEALER'S NUMBER	SELLER'S PERMIT NUMBER	SALESPERSON'S NUMBER	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

SOLD TO: PRINT TRUE FULL NAME
(1) **LOS ANGELES CHARTER TRANSP**
BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS
[REDACTED]

(2)
APT./STE. NO. CITY STATE ZIP CODE
[REDACTED] CA [REDACTED]

NOTE: UPON TRANSFER OR SALE, DEALER MUST ENTER ODOMETER READING HERE:

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IMPORTANT! ENTER BOTH DEALER'S AND SALESPERSON'S NUMBERS. This is a notice of purchase of vehicle. Do not use as an application for registration or title.

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SCHOOL BUS
EMERGENCY EXIT

IF NECESSARY
PULL UP
HANDLE PULL
HANDLE PULL
HANDLE PULL

CNG

510

STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH

BLUE BIRD

LOS ANGELES CHARTER TRANSPORTATION



SCHOOL BUS

501

LOS ANGELES CHARTER TRANSPORTATION

501

Thomas

SCHOOL BUS

EMERGENCY EXIT

THOMAS

STOP WHEN RED
LIGHTS FLASH

LOS ANGELES CHARTER TRANSPORTATION

ATTACHMENT 2

Accounts (/lightning/o/Account/home) > Los Angeles Charter Transportation, INC (/lightning/r/0018z000002s07EAAQ/view)
Assets

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ATTACHMENT 3

