PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco CA 94102

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## NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

This letter places you on notice to cease and desist immediately all advertisements and operations as a for hire passenger carrier without a valid authority in force with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Continued violations of the law may result in criminal prosecutions.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code sections 1031, 1037, 2108, and 2110, any carrier that operates prior to issuance of their authority is guilty of a misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or both. Each day of continued violations is a separate and distinct offense.

Leap Transit, Inc. (Leap) must first meet multiple requirements to receive a permit to operate. Specifically, Leap failed to file with the Commission:

- Public Liability & Property Damage (PL&PD) insurance (Pub. Util. Code §1040).
- Evidence of workers' compensation insurance (Pub. Util. Code §§324, 460.7, and 1043)
- Evidence of compliance with the controlled substances and alcohol testing requirements (Pub. Util. Code § 1032.1.
- Tariffs (Pub. Util. Code § 486 et sec.).
- Letter of acceptance.

Leap also failed to comply with additional safety requirements prior to operation. A search of the DMV Employer Pull Notice database failed to show any record of Leap enrollment in the Employer Pull Notice program as required by General Order 158 and California Vehicle Code §1808.1. Further, Leap failed to request the required bus and terminal inspections from the California Highway Patrol.

Failure to immediately cease all operations until all licensing requirements are met will result in the Commission initiating enforcement actions to ensure compliance with the applicable laws.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (415) 703-1229.

Sincerely,

Brian Kahrs

Supervising Investigator, Badge #6 Safety and Enforcement Division Transportation Enforcement Section

cc: Valerie Beck, Program Manager