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Re: Voluntary Compliance of tenants' Complaints against LVRE Mobile Home Park MHDRP Complaint Nos. 486724, 486729, 486722, 486721, 486725, 486726, 486727, 486728

Yakima, WA 98901

Dear Mr. Garcia, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Correa, Mr. Correa Jr., Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Arevalo, Ms. Delgado, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Carlson:

In June 2016 the above-addressed tenants filed complaints against LVRE Mobile Home Park (LVRE) with the Manufactured Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the Program). The tenants alleged that LVRE violated the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act (MHLTA), RCW 59.20, by failing to provide proper notice of closure of the mobile home park. The tenants provided a letter that LVRE sent to them on May 10, 2016. The May 10<sup>th</sup> letter stated that the park would be closing on July 1, 2016, and that tenants homes must be removed before June 30, 2016, or risk being demolished on site. Due to the immediacy of the matter, the Program began an investigation immediately.

The investigation revealed that the May 10, 2016, letter was the only communication to tenants that LVRE was closing.

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The Manufactured Housing Landlord-Tenant Act (MHLTA) requires landlords to provide tenants with twelve months' notice before a mobile home park may close. RCW 59.20.080(1)(e). RCW 59.21.030(1) reiterates that twelve-month written notice must be provided to tenants prior to a park closure. LVRE provided tenants less than two months notice that it was closing. LVRE violated RCW 59.20.080(1)(e) when it failed to provide tenants with twelve months' notice of the park closure.

However, after contact from the Program, LVRE voluntarily complied with the law. LVRE delivered tenants a letter dated July 26, 2016, informing tenants that the park will close on August 1, 2017. Therefore, the Program determines that LVRE has voluntarily complied with RCW 59.20.080(1)(e). However, if any party falls out of compliance with the law, the Program may issue a Notice of Violation to ensure compliance.

We appreciate your cooperation with the Program's investigation. This matter is now closed.

Sincerely,

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