

[Service Date March 21, 2013]

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NOTICE DENYING APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION

RE: VIP Arrivals, Application for Mitigation of Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-130201

TO ALL PARTIES:

On March 5, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served Penalty Assessment TE-130201 against VIP Arrivals (VIP Arrivals or Company) in the amount of \$75, alleging a violation of WAC 480-30-071 and WAC 480-30-076, which requires Charter and Excursion companies to file annual safety reports with the Commission by December 31 each year and pay regulatory fees annually on that date.

On March 15, 2013, VIP Arrivals filed with the Commission a request for mitigation on the form provided by the Commission. VIP Arrivals checked the box on that form indicating that the Company admits that one or more of the violations occurred for which penalties were assessed and that it believes that the penalty should be reduced.

The form, however, conditions the application for mitigation on VIP Arrivals providing a written statement of the reasons the Company believes the alleged penalty should be reduced. The Notice of Penalty Assessment further explains that the Commission has already mitigated the initial penalty amount based on factors of which the Commission is aware and that “[n]o further mitigation will be granted unless the company provides new information that is unrelated to these factors.” VIP Arrivals did not provide any information or reasons supporting its request. Accordingly, the Company has failed to state any grounds for further mitigation.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That VIP Arrivals’ application for mitigation is denied.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the penalty of \$75 assessed against VIP Arrivals is due and payable to the Commission within 15 days following the service date of this Notice.

STEVEN V. KING
Acting Executive Director and Secretary