

## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## NOTICE DENYING REQUEST FOR HEARING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT REASON(S) IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION (By Friday, September 13, 2013)

RE: Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC, Request for Mitigation of Penalty Assessment, Docket TC-130910

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On July 29, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served Penalty Assessment TC-130910 against Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC (Pacific Northwest Distributing or Company) in the amount of \$250, alleging a violation of WAC 480-30-071, which requires permitted auto transportation companies to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year and pay regulatory fees annually on that date.

On August 30, 2013, Pacific Northwest Distributing filed with the Commission a request for hearing on the form provided by the Commission. Pacific Northwest Distributing checked the box on that form indicating that the Company believes that one or more of the violations did not occur for which penalties were assessed. The form, however, conditions the opportunity for hearing on Pacific Northwest Distributing providing a written statement of the reasons the Company believes the alleged violation did not occur. Because Pacific Northwest Distributing failed to provide a basis for its request for a hearing, the Commission denies that request. The Commission nevertheless will consider the Company's request for mitigation of the assessed penalty on the basis of a written submission of the reasons supporting such mitigation if the Commission receives that submission no later than one week from the date of this Notice.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That Pacific Northwest Distributing's request for hearing is denied.

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THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Commission will consider Pacific Northwest Distributing's request for mitigation provided the Company files a written statement of the reason(s) in support of its request by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2013.

GREGORY J. KOPTA Director, Administrative Law Division