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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Ryan's Express Motorcoach, Commission Staff's Request to Withdraw Penalty Assessment, Docket TE-141077

TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 27, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Ryan's Express Motorcoach in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-30-071, which requires charter and excursion companies to file annual reports by May 1 each year.

On August 5, 2014, Ryan's Express Motorcoach contacted the Commission and requested to voluntarily cancel its charter and excursion certificate because it conducted no business in Washington in 2013. On August 8, the Company's charter and excursion certificate was voluntarily cancelled in Docket TE-143048.

On August 18, 2014, Commission Staff filed a response recommending the Commission withdraw the \$1,000 penalty.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the Company is no longer providing charter and excursion carrier services in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against Ryan's Express Motorcoach.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Ryan's Express Motorcoach is withdrawn and Docket TE-141077 is closed.

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