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June 24, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Morrison Moving & Storage Co., Inc.*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-150918

Dear Mr. King:

On May 29, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-150918 against Morrison Moving & Storage Co., Inc. for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-480 which requires household goods carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On June 11, 2015, Morrison Moving & Storage Co., Inc. wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Morrison Moving & Storage Co., Inc. does not dispute the violation occurred. The company's response states, "Our 2014 Annual Report was submitted on 4-15-2015 via email, which was well before the deadline date of May 1st. It was confirmed that WUTC received this report on 4-16-2015 however, the Mileage Information was questioned. This has been reviewed and corrected to read 1,400 interstate miles". The statement continues, "Additinoally, when the initial report was sent over on April 15th it was stated in our email that there was no intrastate mileage. This was clearly a typo and we would ask that you would please dismiss the penalty charges in the amount of \$1,000".

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 27, 2015, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household goods carriers. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

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On April 15 2015, Morrison Moving & Storage Co., Inc. filed an incomplete annual report with no regulatory fees owed. On June 9, 2015, the company filed a complete annual report. The company has been active since 1993. Morrison Moving & Storage Co., Inc. previously missed the deadline to file its annual report and pay any regulatory fees during the 2005 reporting year. Staff does not support the company's request to dismiss the penalty. However, due to the recent compliance history for filing the annual report by May 1, staff supports the company's request for mitigation. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$50 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$500.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or aandrews@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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