June 17, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Movher, LLC*

 Commission Staff’s Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-150920

Dear Mr. King:

On May 29, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-150920 against Movher, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-480 which requires household goods carriers companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On June 8, 2015, Movher, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Movher, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company requests reducing the amount owed based on prior compliance in filing by May 1 and a mistake this year believing the report was due by May 31. The company states, “In summary, I sincerely apologize for submitting my annual report late and guarantee that it will not happen again (I have added it to my calendar as a recurring annual “to-do”)”.

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 carrier companies. 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.

On May 24, 2015, Movher, LLC filed its 2014 annual report and paid the regulatory fees and late payment penalties. The company has been active since 2010. No prior violations of WAC 480-15-480 are on commission record. Staff supports the company’s request for mitigation as this is the company’s first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of $25 for a total penalty assessment of $250.

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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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