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## UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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June 29, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Big Woody Limos, LLC

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-151007

Dear Mr. King:

On June 8, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-151007 against Big Woody Limos, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-071 which requires charter and excursion carriers to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On June 16, 2015, Big Woody Limos, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request Big Woody Limos, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company's response states, "Thought the \$25 payment made on 12/23/2014 via credit card...was all I needed to complete. We are a small company and this is a hefty fine".

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 charter and excursion 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.

On June 17, 2015, Big Woody Limos, LLC filed a complete annual report. The company paid the required regulatory fees on December 24, 2014. Big Woody Limos, LLC has been active since 2012. No prior violations of WAC 480-30-071 are on commission record. Staff supports mitigation of the penalty 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 <u>aandrews@utc.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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