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June 25, 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. Brar, Bhupinder Singh*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Hearing TE-151009

Dear Mr. King:

On June 8, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$400 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-151009 against Brar, Bhupinder Singh for 4 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 11, 2015 Bhupinder Singh Brar wrote the commission requesting a hearing disputing the violation occurred. The company response states, "We filed the report on time but it was missing some information that we didn't know. Soon as we got to know, we completed the information. We are very sorry".

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 May 5, 2015, Bhupinder Singh Brar filed an incomplete 2014 annual report. Commission staff contacted the company via email on May 6, 2015 regarding the deficient information. The company responded via email on May 6, 2015 resulting in a complete annual report. The required regulatory fees were paid on January 2, 2015. Bhupinder Singh Brar has been active since 2013. No prior violations of WAC 480-30-071 are on commission record. Staff is amenable to mitigate the penalty as this is the company's first delinquent filing. Staff would recommend a reduced penalty of \$25 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$100.

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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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