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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. Shutter Tours, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Hearing TE-151047

Dear Mr. King:

On June 10, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-151047 against Shutter Tours, 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 17, 2015, Shutter Tours, LLC wrote the commission requesting a hearing disputing the violation occurred. In its hearing request, the company states, "I electronically filed on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015. Enclosed is email confirmation and proof that money was removed from bank account for fee".

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 and 18, 2015, Shutter Tours, LLC filed an incomplete 2014 annual report. Commission staff notified the company on June 18, 2015 of the discrepancies via email. On June 25, 2015, Shutter Tours, LLC filed a complete annual report. The regulatory fees and late payment penalty were paid on February 23, 2015. The company has been active since 2011. No prior violations of WAC 480-30-071 are on commission record. Staff would be amenable to mitigation of the penalty as this is the company's first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 pr day 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](mailto:aandrews@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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