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July 26, 2016

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. Puget Services, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-160638

Dear Mr. King:

On June 29, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$400 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-160638 against Puget Services, LLC for four violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-15-480), which requires household goods carrier companies to furnish annual reports and the regulatory fee to the commission no later than May 1 each year, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday.

On July 12, 2016, Puget Services, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Puget Services, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "...we submitted our annual report approximately four days before the deadline but accidentally omitted only the Intrastate mileage which was provided immediately to Amy Andrews upon request.

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 29, 2016, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household goods carrier companies. The instruction page informs the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form and pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 2, 2016, to avoid enforcement action.

On April 27, 2016 Puget Services, LLC e-filed their incomplete annual report. On May 4, commission staff emailed Puget Services, LLC and advised the company that the annual report was incomplete for the following reasons: Blank annual report cover sheet, intrastate miles not provided, and the Household Good move information was blank. Puget Services, LLC emailed the outstanding information on May 6.

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Puget Services, LLC has been active since 2010 and violated WAC 480-15-480 by filing their 2012 and 2013 annual report late. The company applied for mitigation for both reporting years. Mitigation was granted for the 2012 annual report. Mitigation was denied for the penalty associated with the 2013 annual report. As the company previously violated WAC 480-15-480, staff does not support any mitigation of the penalty.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or [sbennett@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sbennett@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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