July 25, 2016

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. Right Turn Moving, LLC*

 Commission Staff’s Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-160641

Dear Mr. King:

On June 29, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-160641 against Right Turn Moving, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-15-480), which requires household good moving 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 9, 2016, Right Turn Moving, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Right Turn Moving, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, “…After receiving the annual report I set it aside, knowing that I had months to complete it. Things were stacked on top of the annual report paperwork and it was misplaced and overlooked. Once I found it I filed it immediately. We apologize for this oversight and ask for a reduction in our penalty.”

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, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday. On February 29, 2016, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household good moving companies. The instruction page informs the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, provide the supporting financial reporting documents and pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 2, 2016, to avoid enforcement action.

On May 23, 2016, Right Turn Moving, LLC filed a complete annual report and paid the regulatory fees owed.

Right Turn Moving, LLC became an active company in 2014 and has zero violations of WAC 480-15-480. As the company previously filed on time and is a newer company, it is staff’s recommendation that the penalty be reduced to $25 per day for a total penalty assessment of $250.

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

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director

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