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July 27, 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. Ibrahim A. Suseyi

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-160644

Dear Mr. King:

On June 29, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-160644 against Ibrahim A. Suseyi 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 15, 2016, Ibrahim A. Suseyi wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Ibrahim A. Suseyi does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "...Ibrahim Suseyi is new to the moving business and did not realize there was an annual report due. I (Jerry Slade with ByTheBook Keepers, Inc.) prepared the report as soon as I became aware of it. Please reduce his 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 July 15, 2016, Ibrahim A. Suseyi filed a complete annual report and paid the regulatory fees owed.

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Ibrahim A. Suseyi became an active company in 2015. As the Ibrahim A. Suseyi 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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