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July 12, 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. All West Coachlines, Inc.

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-160674

Dear Mr. King:

On June 20, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-160674 against All West Coachlines, Inc. for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076), which requires charter and excursion 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 June 29, 2016, All West Coachlines, Inc. wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, All West Coachlines, Inc. does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "...we are a California company based in Sacramento and obtained a license to do business in the state of Washington in order to perform one piece of business, which was a shuttle for the PGA Golf tournament that occurred in June of 2015. Since this single piece of business was operated and the appropriate taxes paid, our Washington State License has been cancelled. We have not operated any additional work originating in the state of Washington."

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 charter and excursion companies. The instructions 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.

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All West Coachlines, Inc. has been active since 2015. On July 12, 2016, All West Coachlines, Inc. submitted their volunatary request to cancel their certificate, it has not been assigned a docket number yet. Staff recommends the penalty be waived as the company will no longer be regulated by the commission.

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

Sincerely,

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