July 8, 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. Northwest Smoking & Curing, Inc.*

 Staff’s Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment TE-160717

Dear Mr. King:

On June 22, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-160717 against Norhwest Smoking & Curing, Inc. for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076), which requires charter and excursion carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year, except when May 1 is a weekend, in which case the annual report is due by the next business day. May 2 was the next business day.

This company has dual authority to operate as a charter & excursion carrier and to operate as an auto transporation company. This docket is a duplicate and was made in error. The violation of WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076 will be addressed in docket TC-160659. Staff recommends that the assessed penalty be withdrawn and the docket closed.

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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