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## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Michael W. Stowe, Commission Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment Docket TE-160732

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 22, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Michael W. Stowe in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-30-071 and WAC 480-30-076, which require charter and excursion carrier companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year, or on the first business day thereafter.

On July 6, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed with the Commission a Request to Rescind the Penalty Assessment. Staff explained that on Monday, May 2, 2016, the Company filed its complete annual report and paid the required regulatory fee. Staff attempted to contact the Company on May 10 and May 11 to inquire about the Company's business and ownership structure. Staff later discovered that the requested information was, in fact, clearly disclosed on the annual report form. Accordingly, the Penalty Assessment was issued in error.

Because the Company's report was timely filed and the Penalty Assessment was issued in error, the Commission withdraws the penalty assessed against Michael W. Stowe.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Michael W. Stowe is withdrawn and Docket TE-160732 is closed.

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