Service Date: August 31, 2018

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for Penalties Against: **DOCKET TE-180582**

DECLARATION OF JUSTIN RAUB

LEAVENWORTH PARTY BUS, LLC

Justin Raub, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

- 1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) as a Compliance Investigator in the Consumer Protection Section. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate transportation companies that may be operating without the required commission-issued certificate.
- 2. On Jan. 25, 2018, I received a tip that Leavenworth Party Bus, LLC (Leavenworth Party Bus or Company) was continuing to operate as a party charter party and excursion service carrier after the commission had canceled its certificate.
- 3. I reviewed commission records and learned that the commission had canceled Leavenworth Party Bus's charter certificate on December 15, 2016, due to insufficient proof of insurance. In its cancellation letter to Leavenworth Party Bus, the commission directed the company to immediately cease all charter operations and warned the company of possible enforcement action if it operated without authority.¹
- 4. On Jan. 26, 2018, I searched the internet for Leavenworth Party Bus. One of the search results was the Company's website at www.leavenworthpartybus.com. On its

¹ See Attachment A for UTC cancellation letter dated December 15, 2016

website, Leavenworth Party Bus advertises passenger transportation services regulated by the commission.²

- 5. On Jan 26, 2018, I searched www.facebook.com for Leavenworth Party Bus, and located the Company's profile, which advertises passenger transportation services regulated by the commission.³
- 6. On May 16, 2018, posing as a consumer, I emailed Leavenworth Party Bus at leavenworthpartybus@gmail.com requesting a quote for transportation of eight people on May 26, 2018, around downtown Leavenworth to various local bars from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. On May 21, 2018, I received a reply with the following offer for transportation: "Ryan, if you're down you 8, it would be 300 flat rate...."

DATED this 27th day of August, 2018, at Olympia, Washington.

JUSTIN RAUB

 2 See Attachment B for a copy of Leavenworth Party Bus's website, which I captured on Jan. 30, 2018.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of Leavenworth Party Bus's Facebook page, which I captured on Jan. 30, 2018.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of email from Chris Kelly with quote for tour, dated May 21, 2018.