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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Safe-To-Go-Movers, LLC, d/b/a James & John Movers*  
Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties  
Docket TV-210064

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On February 12, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment against Safe-To-Go-Movers, LLC, d/b/a James & John Movers, (Safe-To-Go-Movers or Company) in the amount of \$200 for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-560, Equipment Safety Requirements, which adopts Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) Part 393 – Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation and 49 CFR Part 396 – Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance, as follows:

- **One violation of 49 CFR § 393.209(b) – Excessive steering wheel lash.** Commission staff (staff) discovered a commercial motor vehicle with excessive free play in the steering system. This commercial motor vehicle was placed out-of-service.
- **One violation of 49 CFR § 396.3(a)(1) – Defective air brake reservoir.** Staff discovered a commercial motor vehicle with its air brake reservoir tanks not properly secured to the right side of the vehicle. This commercial motor vehicle was placed out-of-service.

On March 1, 2021, the Company filed with the Commission its application for mitigation of penalties. In the request for mitigation, James Mwangi, owner of Safe-To-Go-Movers, admits the violations, asks that the penalties be reduced, and states the Company will prioritize compliance with motor carrier safety regulations.

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Safe-To-Go-Movers took corrective action during the safety investigation; however, it is the Company's responsibility to ensure its commercial motor vehicles are free of defects that put the traveling public at risk. The assessed penalty is \$200 for two out-of-service violations. Staff recommends the Commission deny the Company's request for mitigation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety, at (360) 867-8305, or by email at Jason.Hoxit@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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