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August 24, 2012

David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Eric Stewart d/b/a Ironman Moving Services*

Commission Staff’s Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties and Request for a Hearing

Docket TV-120268

Dear Mr. Danner:

On July 26, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission assessed a $2,300 penalty against Eric Stewart d/b/a Ironman Moving Services (Ironman) for violations of commission laws and rules that govern the business practices of household goods carriers.

On August 22, 2012, Ironman filed an Application for Mitigation of Penalties, requesting a hearing to give the company “a chance to explain how it has come into compliance in a number of areas.” Although the Application was not timely filed, Staff supports the company’s request for a hearing to facilitate settlement discussions that may address mitigation of the penalty. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director

Consumer Protection and Communications