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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Northwest Tours, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-160718

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 22, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Northwest Tours, Inc. (Northwest Tours or Company) 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 June 27, 2016, Northwest Tours responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it voluntarily cancelled its charter and excursion carrier certificate with the Commission effective June 23, 2016.

On July 7, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because Northwest Tours' charter and excursion carrier certificate was cancelled on June 23, 2016, in Docket TE-160827 at the Company's request.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the company is no longer operating in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against Northwest Tours.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the Commission is withdrawing the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Northwest Tours, Inc. and closing Docket TE-160718.

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