

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PENALTIES INCURRED AND DUE FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS

PENALTY ASSESSMENT NO: TV-050023

PENALTY AMOUNT: \$ 200.00

HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER:

Pacific Northwest Motor Freight Lines, Inc.
515 South 96th Street
Seattle, WA 98108

The Commission believes that you have committed one or more violations of Washington Utilities and Transportation rules; specifically WAC 480-15-480 which requires household goods carriers to furnish annual reports to the Commission no later than May 1 each year. Despite repeated notice of this obligation, you did not file an annual report until October 25, 2004. As a result, the Commission hereby notifies you that it has assessed penalties against you in the amount of \$200.00. The basis for this penalty assessment is as follows:

On March 9, 2004, the Commission mailed 2003 Annual Report forms and 2004 Regulatory Fee packets to household goods carriers in Washington State. A letter signed by Carole Washburn instructed companies to file annual reports by May 1, 2004. Companies requesting an extension were asked to do so prior to May 1, providing a reason for the requested extension.

On June 8, 2004, a letter signed by Carole Washburn was sent to each household goods carrier that had not filed an annual report by May 1, 2004. The letter stated that Staff intended to recommend enforcement action, including possible penalties, for any company that failed to file a completed annual report by July 1, 2004.

In July 2004, Licensing Services Staff reviewed annual reports and regulatory fees for household goods carriers, and compiled a list of companies that were out of compliance. Staff identified that as of July 1, 2004, Pacific Northwest Motor Freight Lines, Inc. (Pacific), had not filed a 2003 annual report. The matter was referred to Business Practices Investigations for enforcement action. Subsequently, Pacific filed the annual report on October 25, 2004.

Pacific was penalized last year for filing its 2002 annual report late. The annual report was due on May 1, 2003, and Pacific filed the report on February 18, 2004. On

February 23, 2004, the Commission issued a \$100 penalty against Pacific for late filing its annual report. The Company paid the penalty on March 23, 2004. The Commission can issue a \$100 penalty for each day a company is late in filing its annual report.

Pacific is well aware that annual reports are due on May 1 of each year and that the Commission will assess penalties for reports that are filed late. It is appropriate to increase the penalty in subsequent years for repeat violations of WAC 480-15-480.

Penalties are due and payable upon receipt of this penalty notice. If for any reason you believe the violations described did not occur, you may request a hearing to contest the occurrence of the violations. If you have an explanation as to why the violations occurred, or have other facts you believe the Commission should have considered, RCW 80.04.405 provides that you may make application for mitigation of this penalty. To do so, complete the enclosed mitigation form and return it to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, within FIFTEEN (15) days of your receipt of this penalty notice. You may, although you are not required to, present your request for mitigation at a hearing. The Commission will consider your plea and notify you of its determination.

If you would like a hearing to contest either the occurrence of the violations or the amount of the penalty, you may request one in your request for hearing or mitigation. If you request a hearing for either reason, please state why you believe a hearing is called for in your circumstances.

Failure to request a hearing to contest the occurrence of the violations or the amount of the penalty, return the mitigation plea, or pay the amount due within 15 days will cause the Commission to refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General for collection. Suit may then be brought against you and after trial, judgment may be entered against you.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 12th day of January 2005.


MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman


RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner


PATRICK OSHIE, Commissioner

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APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES

I have read and understand RCW 9.72.030, which prescribes penalties for making false affidavits (printed below), and hereby make, under oath, application for mitigation of the penalties (as described on the attached form), for the following reasons:

NOTE: This form must be completed, signed and notarized, and received by the Commission within 15 days of your receipt of this form.

I swear that the foregoing is a true and complete statement of the facts in this case.

Signature of Applicant

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____,
20__

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the
State of Washington, residing in

RCW 9.72.030:

"Perjury-Second Degree: Every person who, whether orally or in writing, and whether as a volunteer or in a proceeding or investigation authorized by law, shall knowingly swear falsely concerning any matter whatsoever shall be guilty of perjury in the second degree and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than five years or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year."