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October 5, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. JFS Transport, Inc.*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-150911

Dear Mr. King:

On May 29, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$100 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-150911 against JFS Transport, Inc. for 1 violation of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-15-480), which requires household goods carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On October 2, 2015, JFS Transport, Inc. submitted a signed application requesting mitigation of penalties (Mitigation Request). In its mitigation request, JFS Transport, Inc. did not provide a written statement of the reasons supporting the request.

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 27, 2015, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household goods companies. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

On May 1, 2015, JFS Transport, Inc. filed an incomplete 2014 annual report and paid the regulatory fees owed. On May 4, 2015, the company filed a complete 2014 annual report. The company previously operated under Jonathon Sheridan, dba JFS Transport, Inc. JFS Transport, Inc. previously missed the deadline to for filing its annual report and paying its regulatory fees for the 2011 reporting year and received mitigation. Additionally, the company failed to respond within the 15 days provided in the order. Staff does not support the company's request for mitigation as no written statement was provided for consideration as required and the prior violation.

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If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or aandrews@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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