

## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Clerget Brothers, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Withdraw Penalty Assessment,
Docket TV-150891

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 27, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Clerget Brothers, Inc. (Clerget Brothers or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-15-480, which requires household goods carriers to file annual reports by May 1 each year.

On June 1, 2015, Clerget Brothers requested the Commission reissue its household goods permit as a common carrier permit. On June 2, the Company filed its annual report with no regulatory fee due.

On June 10, 2015, Commission Staff filed a response recommending the Commission withdraw the \$1,000 penalty because the Company did not perform any regulated moves in 2014 and will no longer operate as a household goods carrier. On June 11, the Company's household goods permit was amended and reissued as a common carrier permit in Docket TV-151192.

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 providing household goods moving services in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against Clerget Brothers.

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THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Clerget Brothers, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket TV-150891 is closed.

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