

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 31, 2015

NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: NSO Entertainment, LLC, Commission Staff's Request to Withdraw Penalty Assessment, Docket TE-151038

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 10, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against NSO Entertainment, LLC (NSO Entertainment or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-30-071, which requires charter and excursion carriers to file annual reports by May 1 each year.

On June 24, 2015, NSO Entertainment filed its annual report and submitted a request for voluntary cancellation of its operating authority. On July 1, the Company responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it ceased doing business on January 1, 2015.

On July 8, 2015, Staff filed a response recommending the Commission withdraw the \$1,000 penalty because NSO Entertainment's voluntarily cancellation of its charter and excursion certificate became effective on June 26, 2015, in Docket TE-151313.

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 charter and excursion carrier services in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against NSO Entertainment.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against NSO Entertainment, LLC is withdrawn and Docket TE-151038 is closed.

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