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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Beach Transportation Company, Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-160685

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 13, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Beach Transportation Company (Beach Transportation 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 July 5, 2016, Beach Transportation responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it is a Montana-based company that assisted with providing transportation to a golf tournament in Washington on one occasion, and it has since voluntarily cancelled its Charter and Excursion Carrier certificate with the Commission.

On July 19, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because Beach Transportation's Charter and Excursion Carrier certificate was cancelled on June 29, 2016, in Docket TE-160843 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 Beach Transportation.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Beach Transportation Company is withdrawn and Docket TE-160685 is closed.

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