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July 26, 2016

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. JMI Limousine, Inc.

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-160703

Dear Mr. King:

On June 28, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-160703 against JMI Limousine, Inc. for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076), which requires charter and excursion companies to furnish annual reports and the regulatory fee to the commission no later than May 1 each year, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday.

On July 14, 2016, JMI Limousine, Inc. wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, JMI Limousine, Inc. not dispute the violation occurred. The company did not provide a written statement.

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, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday. On February 29, 2016, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated charter and excursion companies. The instruction page informs the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, provide the supporting financial reporting documents and pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 2, 2016, to avoid enforcement action.

On March 29, 2016, JMI Limousine, Inc. filed an incomplete annual report and paid the regulatory fees owed. On March 30, 2016 commission staff sent an email to JMI Limousine, Inc. and advised the company that the annual report was incomplete as the interstate miles and all requested vehicle information was not provided. On July 7, JMI Limousine, Inc. provided the outstanding information via email.

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JMI Limousine, Inc. became an active company in 2015. As the company is newer and recently became a regulated company, staff recommends that the penalty be reduced to \$25 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$250.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or <u>sbennett@utc.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director Administrative Services