

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 13, 2016

**NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY**

RE: Northwest Smoking & Curing, Inc., Commission Staff’s Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-160717

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 22, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Northwest Smoking & Curing, Inc. (Northwest 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 8, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed with the Commission a Request to Rescind the Penalty Assessment. Staff explained that the Company has dual authority from the Commission to operate as both an auto transportation carrier and a charter and excursion carrier. The Company’s violations were addressed in Docket TE-160659, and the Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-160717 was issued in error.

Because the Penalty Assessment was issued in error, the Commission withdraws the duplicate penalty assessed against Northwest in Docket TE-160717.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of $1,000 assessed against Northwest Smoking & Curing, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket TE-160717 is closed.**

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