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**NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY**

RE: Experience Oregon, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment  
Docket TE-160696

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 21, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Experience Oregon, Inc. (Experience Oregon 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 6, 2016, Experience Oregon responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it is an Oregon-based company that applied for authority in Washington to complete a specific charter, and it has since attempted several times to voluntarily cancel its certificate.

On July 19, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because Experience Oregon's Charter and Excursion Carrier Certificate was cancelled on May 11, 2016, in Docket TE-160483 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 Experience Oregon.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Experience Oregon, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket TE-160696 is closed.**

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