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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Palouse Touring Company, LLC, Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-160722

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 22, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Palouse Touring Company, LLC (Palouse 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 18, 2016, Palouse responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it ceased operations on April 30, 2016.

On July 27, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty. On July 29, 2016, the Company's charter and excursion carrier certificate was voluntarily cancelled in Docket TE-160948.

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 Palouse.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Palouse Touring Company, LLC is withdrawn and Docket TE-160722 is closed.

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