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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Centrum d/b/a Centrum Foundation, Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-170607

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 19, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Centrum d/b/a Centrum Foundation (Centrum 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 June 20, 2017, Centrum responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that does not currently operate as charter and excursion carrier in Washington. The Company has since voluntarily cancelled its certificate with the Commission.

On June 28, 2017, Commission staff filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because Centrum's charter and excursion carrier certificate was cancelled on June 22, 2017, in Docket TE-170729 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 Centrum.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Centrum d/b/a Centrum Foundation is withdrawn and Docket TE-170607 is closed.

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