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February 1, 2022

Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Kastl Express LLC*
Commission Staff's Response to Request for Payment Arrangement
Dockets TV-210939 and TV-210940 (*Consolidated*)

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On December 16, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a notice of intent to cancel the permit of Kastl Express LLC (Kastl Express or Company) and a notice of brief adjudicative proceeding in Docket TV-210939.

On December 28, 2021, the Commission issued a penalty assessment against Kastl Express in the amount of \$7,700 for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-555, WAC 480-15-560, and WAC 480-15-570 in Docket TV-210940.

On January 18, 2022, Kastl Express filed with the Commission its application for mitigation of the penalty. Also on January 18, Commission staff (Staff) notified the presiding officer that the Company submitted a proposed safety management plan (SMP), and Staff filed its evaluation of the SMP and response to the Company's request for mitigation.

On January 25, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01 (Order), which consolidated Dockets TV-210939 and TV-210940, upgraded the Company's safety rating to "conditional," and reduced the \$7,700 penalty to \$3,850. In addition, the Order suspended a \$2,000 portion of the reduced penalty for a period of two years, subject to the conditions that: (1) Staff conducts a follow-up safety investigation at least six months from the effective date of the Order, (2) the Company not incur any repeat critical violations upon re-inspection, and (3) Kastl Express pays the \$1,850 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or enters into a mutually agreeable payment arrangement with Staff within ten days of the Order.

On January 31, 2022, Staff and Kastl Express came to a mutual agreement on a proposed payment plan, as follows:

Payment Plan		
Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	February 15, 2022	\$250
2	March 15, 2022	\$200
3	April 15, 2022	\$200
4	May 16, 2022	\$200
5	June 15, 2022	\$200
6	July 15, 2022	\$200
7	August 15, 2022	\$200
8	September 15, 2022	\$200
9	October 17, 2022	\$200

Staff recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for payment arrangements. Kastl Express is aware that if it fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire remaining balance, including the suspended penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further Commission order.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety, at (360) 867-8305, or by email at Jason.Hoxit@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jason Sharp
Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety