BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against DAVID MANDELAS d/b/a THE PARTY BUS, in the Amount of \$100 **DOCKET TE-090232**

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PARTY BUS' APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(1)(c), Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission Staff) submits this response¹ to Party Bus' Application for Mitigation.

On February 23, 2009, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$100 against David Mandelas d/b/a/ The Party Bus (Party Bus) for violating WAC 480-30-071. Party Bus filed an Application for Mitigation on March 10, 2009. Commission Staff supports Party Bus' Application for Mitigation for the reasons set forth in the attached declaration of Sheri Hoyt.

DATED this day of March, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Please note that this response does not come from the Commission but from Commission Staff. Commission Staff is a party in this case and is separate from the Commission. The Commission will be the ultimate decision maker in this matter. An Administrative Law Judge will consider Party Bus' statements and Commission Staff's statements and will issue a decision. The Commission may accept, modify, or reject that decision.