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June 8, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. America's Elite, Inc.*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-150878

Dear Mr. King:

On May 27, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-150878 against America's Elite, Inc. for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-15-480), which requires household goods carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On May 28, 2015, America's Elite, Inc. wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, America's Elite, Inc. does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "We are a small and newer company receiving a very first annual report from you. We pride ourselves on providing accurate and prompt service to our regulators, however we are just a little new at this time and time has past quickly".

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 27, 2015, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household goods companies. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

On June 4, 2015, America's Elite, Inc. filed the 2014 annual report and paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty. The company has been active since February 18, 2014. The company attended the commission's March 12, 2014 household goods training, at which, the annual report requirement was reviewed. Company representative, Robert Porrazzo signed the

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training document acknowledging training was received. Staff supports the company's request for mitigation as this is the company's first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 per day resulting in a total penalty assessment of \$250.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or [aandrews@utc.wa.gov](mailto:aandrews@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sondra Walsh" with a large, stylized initial "S" and "W". To the right of the signature, the text "(for Sondra Walsh)" is written in a similar cursive style.

Sondra Walsh, Director  
Administrative Services