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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Prisoners for Christ Outreach Ministries, Commission Staff's Request to Withdraw
Penalty Assessment
Docket TN-160666

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 17, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Prisoners for Christ Outreach Ministries (Prisoners for Christ or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-30-080, which requires nonprofit transportation companies to file annual reports by May 1 each year.

On June 23, 2016, Prisoners for Christ responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it voluntarily cancelled its nonprofit transportation certificate with the Commission effective March 7, 2016.

On July 1, 2016, Staff filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because Prisoners for Christ's nonprofit transportation certificate was cancelled on March 7, 2016, in Docket TN-160282 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 Prisoners for Christ.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Prisoners for Christ Outreach Ministries is withdrawn and Docket TN-160666 is closed.

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