BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against THE NORTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM in the Amount of \$100

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO NORTHWEST RAILWAY'S 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 the Northwest

Railway Museum's (Northwest Railway) Request for Hearing.

On June 26, 2009, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$100 against Northwest

Railway for violating WAC 480-62-300. Northwest Railway filed an Application for

Mitigation on July 13, 2009. Commission Staff supports full mitigation of the penalty, for

the reasons set forth in the attached declaration of Sheri Hoyt.

DATED this 16th day of July, 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 Company's statements and Commission Staff's statements and will issue a decision. The Commission may accept, modify, or reject that decision.