## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Penalty Assessment Against RYAN'S EXPRESS MOTORCOACH D/B/A RYAN'S EXPRESS MOTORCOACH A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION in the Amount of \$100

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO RYAN'S EXPRESS MOTORCOACH'S APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(1)(c), Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission Staff) submits this response<sup>1</sup> to the Application for Mitigation filed by Ryan's Express Motorcoach.

On February 18, 2010, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$100 against Ryan's Express Motorcoach (Ryan's Express) for violation of WAC 480-40-071. On March 1, 2010, the Commission received from Ryan's Express an Application for Mitigation. Commission Staff opposes mitigation of the penalty for the reasons set forth in the attached declarations of Sheri Hoyt and Tina Leipski.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 the company's statement and Commission Staff's statement and will issue a decision. The Commission may accept, modify, or reject that decision.