

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

***1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., P.O. Box 47250 ● Olympia, Washington 98504-7250***

***(360) 664-1160 ● www.utc.wa.gov***

March 6, 2017

**NOTICE DENYING REQUEST FOR HEARING**

**AND**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN RESPONSE**

**(By Monday, March 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.)**

RE: *In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment against* *A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. in the Amount of $10,200*Docket TE-170082

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 15, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a $10,200 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. (Crystal Coach or Company) for 88 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221, which adopts by reference 49 C.F.R. Part 382 related to alcohol and controlled substances testing programs; 49 C.F.R. Part 383 related to commercial driver’s license requirements; 49 C.F.R. Part 391 related to driver qualifications; and 49 C.F.R. Part 396 related to vehicle inspection, repair, and maintenance.

On March 2, 2017, Crystal Coach filed a response to the Penalty Assessment, admitting the violations and requesting a hearing. The Company explained that it was unaware of the Commission’s safety requirements, but that its records have since been corrected as required. The Company further explained that it sold the vehicles associated with the regulated portion of its business, and included a Release of Authority for Cancellation requesting the Commission cancel its charter and excursion certificate.

The Commission’s Penalty Assessment advised the Company that a request for hearing will only be granted if material issues of law or fact require consideration of evidence and resolution in hearing. The Company admitted to each of the violations and submitted a form to voluntarily cancel its certificate. Accordingly, no issues of law or fact are in dispute, and the Commission denies the Company’s request for a hearing as unnecessary.

We will, however, allow the Company to provide additional information in writing in support of its request for mitigation. Particularly useful to the Commission would be a written explanation of the amount by which the Company believes the penalty should be reduced and why. Crystal Coach must file any such additional response and any supporting documentation no later than Monday, March 13, 2017, by 5:00 p.m.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. may file a written response to the Penalty Assessment by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017.**

STEVEN V. KING

Executive Director and Secretary