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March 30, 2022

Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Mendez Movers LLC*
Commission Staff's Response to Request for Payment Arrangement
Dockets TV-220034 and TV-220035 (*Consolidated*)

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On January 21, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a notice of intent to cancel the permit of Mendez Movers, LLC, (Mendez Movers or Company) and a notice of brief adjudicative proceeding in Docket TV-220034.

On January 28, 2022, the Commission issued a penalty assessment against Mendez Movers in the amount of \$8,300 for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-560 and WAC 480-15-570 in Docket TV-220035.

On February 24, 2022, Mendez Movers filed with the Commission its application for mitigation of the penalty and submitted a proposed safety management plan (SMP). On February 25, Commission staff (Staff) filed its evaluation of the Company's SMP and response to the Company's request for mitigation.

On February 25, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01 (Order), which consolidated Dockets TV-220034 and TV-220035, upgraded the Company's safety rating to conditional, and reduced the \$8,300 penalty to \$4,300. In addition, the Order suspended a \$2,300 portion of the reduced penalty for a period of two years, subject to the conditions that: (1) Staff conducts a follow-up safety investigation at least six months from the effective date of the Order, (2) Mendez Movers not incur any repeat acute or critical violations upon re-inspection, (3) the Company maintains a conditional safety rating, and (4) Mendez Movers pays the \$2,000 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or enters into a mutually agreeable payment arrangement with Staff within ten days of the Order.

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On March 28, 2022, Mendez Movers contacted Staff and came to a mutual agreement on a proposed payment plan, as follows:

Payment Plan		
Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	April 15, 2022	\$250
2	May 16, 2022	\$250
3	June 15, 2022	\$250
4	July 15, 2022	\$250
5	August 15, 2022	\$250
6	September 15, 2022	\$250
7	October 17, 2022	\$250
8	November 15, 2022	\$250

Despite Mendez Movers contacting Staff after the deadline specified in the Order, Staff recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for payment arrangements. Mendez Movers is aware that if it fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire remaining balance, including the suspended penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further Commission order.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety, at (360) 867-8305, or by email at Jason.Hoxit@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jason Sharp
Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety