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Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Martinson Piano Moving, LLC

Commission Staff Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties of Order 01

Docket TV-220148

Dear Mr. Killip:

On May 3, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation to \$7,000; Imposing and Suspending Penalties Subject to Conditions in Docket TV-220148. Order 01 granted Martinson Piano Moving, LLC's, (Martinson Piano or Company) request for mitigation, assessed a penalty of \$7,000 and suspended a \$3,500 portion of the penalty for two years, and then waived, subject to the condition that the Company not incur any repeat violations of 49 C.F.R. § 391 upon reinspection. Further, Commission staff (Staff) were ordered to conduct a follow-up review of Martinson Piano's operations two years after the effective date of Order 01.

On April 27, 2022, Martinson Piano paid the \$3,500 portion of the penalty that was not suspended in full.

On September 30, 2024, Staff completed the follow-up investigation as required in Order 01. During the investigation, Staff identified three repeat violations, with 148 occurrences, of 49 C.F.R. § 391.45(a) – Using a driver not medically examined and certified. These repeat violations occurred during the suspension period.

Staff find that Martinson Piano failed to satisfy each requirement of Order 01 by incurring repeat violations of 49 C.F.R. § 391 and recommends that the Commission impose the suspended penalty.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety at jason.sharp@utc.wa.gov or at (360) 701-1603.

Sincerely,

Jason Sharp Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor