

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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December 30, 2022

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

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. JFS Transport Inc., d/b/a Coast Movers

Commission Staff's Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties of Order 06

Dockets TV-180315 and TV-200861 (Consolidated)

Dear Amanda Maxwell:

On April 30, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) entered Order 06, Approving Settlement Agreement, imposing a \$5,000 portion of the \$10,000 penalty that was suspended in Docket TV-180315 (Order 02). Furthermore, Order 06 assessed a \$20,000 penalty in Docket TV-200861 and suspended a \$19,000 portion of the penalty. Order 06 approved a payment plan for the \$6,000 portion of the penalty that was not suspended in the consolidated dockets, 30 monthly installments of \$200 beginning June 1, 2021, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) JFS Transport Inc., d/b/a Coast Movers (Company) must not incur any repeat violations of state law, commission orders, rules, or Tariff 15-C during the two-year suspension period; and
- (2) The Company must timely pay all monthly installments of the \$6,000 penalty that is not suspended. If the Company fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire remaining balance of payments, including the entire suspended portion of the penalty amount, will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.

The Company has made eight payments, totaling \$1,650, out of the 19 payments that should have been made since June 1, 2021. Staff reached out to the Company several times regarding their delinquent payments, but the Company failed to respond to staff.

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Staff finds that JFS Transport Inc., d/b/a Coast Movers failed to pay installments by the due date, a requirement of Order 06. Staff recommends that the \$24,000 suspended penalty be imposed and the entire balance of \$28,350, which includes the \$6,000 imposed penalty less the \$1,650 paid, become immediately due payable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>bridgit.feeser@utc.wa.gov</u> or (360) 664-1111.

Sincerely,

Bridgit Feeser Assistant Director, Consumer Protection