April 20, 2017

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Big Woody Limos, LLC*

Commission Staff’s Response to Request for Payment Arrangement

Docket TE-170027

Dear Mr. King:

On February 8, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Penalty Assessment TE-170027 against Big Woody Limos, LLC (Big Woody Limos or Company) in the amount of $1,500 for ten critical violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221 Vehicle and Driver Safety Requirements, which requires charter and excursion carriers to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 382 – Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing, Part 391 – Qualification of Drivers, and Part 395 – Hours of Service of Drivers.

On March 14, 2017, Big Woody Limos filed with the Commission its application for mitigation of penalties. Chris Kwan, part owner and CEO of Big Woody Limos, admitted the violations, provided zero explanation of the corrective action steps taken by the Company, but asked that the penalties be reduced.

On March 16, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission grant the Company’s request for mitigation, in part, reducing the assessed penalty from $1,500 to $1,000.

On March 27, 2017, the Commission issued an order denying the Company’s request for mitigation of the $1,500 penalty. The order states that Big Woody Limos must either pay the $1,500 penalty or file jointly with Staff a proposed payment arrangement no later than April 7, 2017.

On April 18, 2017, Big Woody Limos filed with the Commission a letter requesting a payment plan of $100 per month for 15 months. On April 19, the Company contacted Staff and proposed payment arrangements on the penalty of $1,500. Staff supports Big Woody Limos’ proposed monthly payments as follows:

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| Payment Plan | | |
| Installment | Due Date | Amount |
| 1 | May 5, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 2 | June 5, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 3 | July 5, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 4 | August 7, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 5 | September 5, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 6 | October 5, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 7 | November 6, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 8 | December 5, 2017 | $150.00 |
| 9 | January 5, 2018 | $150.00 |
| 10 | February 5, 2018 | $150.00 |
|  | Total: | $1,500 |

Big Woody Limos is aware that if it fails to pay any installment by the due date, or fails to pay at least the minimum monthly installment by the due date, the entire remaining balance will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety, at 360-664-1320, or by e-mail at JHoxit@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Pratt

Assistant Director, Transportation Safety