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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Elegant Limo, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment
Docket TE-170613

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 20, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Elegant Limo, Inc. (Elegant Limo or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076, which require charter and excursion carrier companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year.

On October 25, 2017, Elegant Limo filed with the Commission a "Release of Authority for Cancellation," requesting to cancel its certificate. On November 21, the Company responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. Elegant Limo explained that it has ceased operations in Washington and the penalty would create a financial hardship.

On December 4, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission rescind the \$1,000 penalty because Elegant Limo's charter and excursion carrier certificate was cancelled on October 25, 2017, at the Company's request.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the company is no longer operating in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against Elegant Limo.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Elegant Limo, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket TE-170613 is closed.

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