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September 7, 2021

Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. AC Checker LLC d/b/a VIP Arrivals*
Commission Staff Recommendation to Waive Suspended Penalties of Order 02
Docket TE-190590 and TE-190589 (Consolidated)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On August 29, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 02, Approving Safety Management Plan; Upgrading Safety Rating; Granting Mitigation in Part; and Suspending Penalty in Part in Docket TE-190590 and TE-190589 (Consolidated). Order 02 granted AC Checker LLC d/b/a VIP Arrivals', (VIP Arrivals or Company) request for mitigation in part, assessed a penalty of \$1,500 and suspended a \$1,000 portion of the penalty for two years, and then waived, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Commission staff (Staff) will conduct a non-rated safety investigation at least six months from the date of Order 02;
- (2) The Company must not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations upon reinspection,
- (3) VIP Arrivals must maintain a conditional safety rating; and,
- (4) The Company must pay the unsuspended penalty of \$500 within 10 days of the effective date of Order 02.

On September 23, 2019, VIP Arrivals paid the \$500 portion of the penalty that was not suspended in full.

On November 9, 2020, Staff completed the required follow-up investigation as outlined in Order 02. VIP Arrivals did not receive any repeat violations of critical regulations. The Company has

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maintained a conditional safety rating since its safety rating was upgraded by the Commission following the Company's submission of an accepted safety management plan.

Staff finds that VIP Arrivals satisfied the conditions of Order 02 and recommends that the \$1,000 suspended penalty be waived.

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,



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