# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment | ) DOCKET TV-140974       |
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| Against                               | )                        |
|                                       | ) ORDER 01               |
| NATIONAL MOVING & STORAGE,            | )                        |
| INC.                                  | ) ORDER GRANTING REQUEST |
|                                       | ) FOR PAYMENT            |
| in the amount of \$1,000              | ) ARRANGEMENT            |
|                                       | )                        |
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# BACKGROUND

- On June 6, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against National Moving & Storage, Inc. (National Moving & Storage or Company), for violations of WAC 480-15-480. This rule requires household goods carriers to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year.
- 2 On June 20, 2014, National Moving & Storage requested mitigation of the \$1,000 penalty, but failed to provide a written statement describing the reasons the Company believed the penalty should be reduced, as required. On July 8, the Commission issued a Notice Denying Application for Mitigation and directed the Company to pay the penalty within 15 days.
- 3 On August 18, 2014, Commission Staff (Staff) contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly proposed the following payment schedule:

| September 2, 2014 | \$250 |
|-------------------|-------|
| October 1, 2014   | \$250 |
| November 1, 2014  | \$250 |
| December 1, 2014  | \$250 |

Staff also proposed that if National Moving & Storage misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately, and that if National Moving & Storage fails to pay the entire \$1,000 penalty by December 1, 2014, the Commission may refer the balance to the Attorney General's Office for collection.

## DISCUSSION

5 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. If National Moving & Storage fails to pay the penalty by the date it becomes due in full – either immediately upon a missed installment, or December 1, whichever applies – the Commission may cancel the Company's household goods permit.

### ORDER

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

6 (1) The penalty of \$1,000 is due and payable to the Commission in installments as follows:

| September 2, 2014 | \$250 |
|-------------------|-------|
| October 1, 2014   | \$250 |
| November 1, 2014  | \$250 |
| December 1, 2014  | \$250 |

- 7 (2) If National Moving & Storage, Inc. fails to pay any installment by 5:00 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 8 (3) If National Moving & Storage, Inc. fails to pay any portion of the assessed penalty by the due date, the Commission may cancel the Company's household goods carrier permit by order in this docket.

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9 The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 21, 2014.

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STEVEN V. KING Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website. The Commission will grant a late-filed request for review only on a showing of good cause, including a satisfactory explanation of why the person did not timely file the request. A form for latefiled requests is available on the Commission's website.