

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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June 29, 2023

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. Evergreen Escapes, LLC, d/b/a EGX; Explorers 3; et al.

Commission Staff Recommendation to Waive Suspended Penalties of Order 01

Dockets TE-210120

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On March 3, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty against Explorers 3, LLC, d/b/a Evergreen Escapes, (Evergreen Escapes or Company) in the amount of \$2,000 for safety violations in Docket TE-210120.

On April 2, 2021, the Commission entered Order 01 (Order). The Order granted Evergreen Escapes' request for mitigation, reducing the penalty to \$1,100. The Order further suspended a \$600 portion of the assessed penalty for a period of two years, and then waived, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Commission staff (Staff) must conduct a follow-up investigation approximately two years after the effective date of the Order;
- b) Evergreen Escapes must not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations; and
- c) The Company pays the \$500 portion of the penalty that is not suspended.

On April 16, 2021, Evergreen Escapes paid the \$500 portion of the penalty that was not suspended.

On May 12, 2023, the Commission received an application to change the Company's name from Explorers 3, LLC, d/b/a Evergreen Escapes to Evergreen Escapes, LLC, d/b/a EGX; Explorers 3; et al.

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On June 7, 2023, Staff completed the required follow-up investigation. The Company did not receive any repeat violations of critical regulations.

Staff finds that Evergreen Escapes satisfied the conditions of the Order and recommends that the \$600 suspended penalty be waived.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety at <u>Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov</u> or at (360) 701-1603.

Sincerely,

JASON SHARP

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