**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against  MOVING & STORAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.  in the amount of $900  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | )  )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | DOCKET TV-140973  ORDER 02  ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT |

**BACKGROUND**

1. On June 5, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty in the amount of $900 against Moving & Storage Solutions, Inc. (Moving & Storage Solutions 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 12, 2014, Moving & Storage Solutions requested mitigation of the $900 penalty, which Commission Staff (Staff) opposed. On July 14, the Commission issued Order 01 in this docket, denying the Company’s request for mitigation and directing the Company to pay the penalty no later than July 28.
3. On July 17, 2014, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company had requested to pay the penalty in installments, and that Staff supports the Company’s request. The Company and Staff jointly proposed the following payment schedule:

July 28, 2014 $300

August 28, 2014 $300

September 28, 2014 $300

1. Staff also proposes that if Moving & Storage Solutions fails to pay the entire $900 penalty by September 28, 2014, the Commission may refer the balance to the Attorney General’s Office for collection.

**DISCUSSION**

1. The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with two modifications. First, Moving & Storage Solutions may pay in installments only if the Company pays each installment by the date it is due. If Moving & Storage Solutions fails to timely pay one installment, the entirety of the remaining balance of the assessed penalty will become immediately due and payable. Second, if the Company fails to pay the penalty by the date it becomes due in full – either immediately upon a missed installment, or September 28, whichever applies – the Commission may cancel the Company’s household goods permit.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. (1) The penalty of $900 is due and payable to the Commission in installments as follows:

July 28, 2014 $300

August 28, 2014 $300

September 28, 2014 $300

1. (2) If Moving & Storage Solutions, 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.

1. (3) If Moving & Storage Solutions, Inc. fails to pay any portion of the assessed penalty, the Commission may cancel the Company’s household goods carrier permit by order in this docket.
2. 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 July 22, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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 late-filed requests is available on the Commission’s website.**