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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. QM Transport (USA), Inc.*
 Commission Staff Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties of Order 01
 Docket TH-200868

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On December 17, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation; In Part, To \$1,500; Suspending \$750 Subject to Conditions in Docket TH-200868. Order 01 granted QM Transport (USA), Inc.'s, (QM Transport or Company) request for mitigation, assessed a penalty of \$1,500 and suspended a \$750 portion of the penalty for two years, and then waived, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Commission staff (Staff) conduct a follow-up investigation focused on driver medical certification in one year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to review QM Transport's safety management practices;
- (2) QM Transport must not incur any repeat violations; and
- (3) The Company pays the \$750 unsuspended portion of the reduced penalty.

On December 29, 2020, QM Transport paid the \$750 unsuspended portion of the penalty in full.

On February 17, 2022, Staff completed the follow-up focused safety investigation as required in Order 01. During the investigation, Staff identified 29 individual occurrences of a repeat violation. These repeat violations are documented as follows:

- Twenty-nine violations of 49 C.F.R. § 391.45(a) – Using a driver not medically examined and certified.

Staff finds that QM Transport failed to satisfy each requirement of Order 01 by incurring repeat violations and recommends that the Commission impose the \$750 suspended penalty.


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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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