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April 10, 2025

Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Justin Larreau d/b/a Northwest Junk Haulers LLC Commission Staff's Recommendation to Cancel Payment Arrangement Docket TG-240599

Dear Jeff Killip:

On November 22, 2024, the Commission entered Order 02 Approving Settlement Agreement, which classified Justin Larreau d/b/a Northwest Junk Haulers LLC (Northwest Junk or Company) as a solid waste carrier. Order 02 imposed a penalty of \$6,000 for six violations of RCW 81.77.040, which prohibits advertising or providing for the transportation of waste without the required certificate from the Commission. A portion of the penalty, \$3,500 was suspended for a period of two years on the condition that Justin Larreau cease operating as a solid waste transportation company and comply with a payment plan for the imposed penalty amount of \$2,500.

The Notice of Errata to Appendix A to Order 02 stated that a payment of \$250 was due on December 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025. On December 18, 2024, Staff sent an email reminding the company of the payments and asking if it was having difficulties with making the payments. Staff followed up with a link to the online payment portal per the company request. On January 9, 2025, Staff sent another email reminding the company to make the penalty payments as it was now two months behind. On January 21, 2025, the company made a payment of \$600 covering payments due for December 2024 (\$250), January 2025 (\$250), and a portion of February 2025 (\$100).

To this date, the company has made no further payments towards the balance owed as outlined in the Notice of Errata to Appendix A to Order 02. The company failed to make the following payments:

• \$150 due February 1, 2025;

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- \$250 due March 1, 2025, and;
- \$250 due April 1, 2025.

Order 02 specified that if a payment was missed, the entire amount of the penalty, including the suspended portion of \$3,500, would become due and payable.

Order 02 also specified that Northwest Junk cease and desist operating as a solid waste transportation company without a certificate or the entire penalty amount, including the suspended portion of \$3,500 would become due and payable.

On April 7, 2025, Staff was able to use Northwest Junk's online booking system to book an offer for solid waste transportation. Staff followed up via text message with a picture of curbside garbage requesting a quote for collection. The company responded that it could collect it for \$300.

Staff recommends the suspended \$3,500 penalty be imposed for violating a commission order by failing to make a required payment by February 1, 2025, and by failing to cease operating as a solid waste collection company without a certificate. Staff also recommends that Northwest Junk be given credit for the \$600 payment already made on January 21, 2025. The remaining penalty amount would be \$5,400.

If you have any questions, please contact Stevin Peters, Solid Waste Compliance Investigator, Motor Carrier Safety, at (360) 522-6121, or by email at stevin.peters@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Stevin Peters Solid Waste Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety