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April 8, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Robert Rindfuss d/b/a Bob the Mover*

Commission Staff’s Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties

 Docket TV-143268

Dear Mr. King:

On Nov. 4, 2014, the Utilities and Transportation Commission entered Order 02, which classified Robert Rindfuss d/b/a Bob the Mover (Mr. Rindfuss) as a household goods carrier, and imposed and suspended penalties on condition of future compliance. Mr. Rindfuss was assessed a $2,500 penalty for violations of RCW 81.80.075(1), which prohibits household goods carriers from operating for compensation in Washington without first obtaining the required permit from the commission. A portion of the penalty, $1,500, was suspended for a period of two years on the condition that Mr. Rindfuss cease and desist operating as a household goods carrier and comply with a payment plan for the $1,000 still due and payable.

Order 02 granted a payment plan and specified payments in the amount of $125, due Nov. 18 and Dec. 18, 2014; Jan. 18, Feb. 18, March 18, April 18, May 18, and June 18, 2015. Order 02 stipulated that if a payment was missed, the entire amount of the penalty, including the suspended portion of $1,500, would become due and payable the day after the missed payment was due. Mr. Rindfuss paid $125 on Nov. 18 and Dec. 18, 2014. To date, Mr. Rindfuss has failed to make the payments due on Jan. 18, Feb. 18, and March 18, 2015.

Staff recommends the suspended $1,500 penalty be imposed for violating commission Order 02 by failing to make a required payments on Jan. 18, Feb. 18, and March 18, 2015. Staff also recommends Mr. Rindfuss be given credit for the $250 payments made for a remaining penalty of $2,250.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director

Consumer Protection and Communications