June 12, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Gus & Jack Moving Company LLC*

 Commission Staff’s Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-150904

Dear Mr. King:

On May 29, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-150904 against Gus & Jack Moving Company LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-15-480), which requires household goods carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On June 2, 2015, Gus & Jack Moving Company LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Gus & Jack Moving Company LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, “I sent the annual report couple of months ago; I have no idea why you do not have it”.

It is the company’s responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 27, 2015, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household goods companies. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

On June 2, 2015, Gus & Jack Moving Company LLC filed the 2014 annual report and paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty. The company has been active since 2011. No prior violations of WAC 480-15-480 are on commission record. Staff supports the company’s request for mitigation as this is the company’s first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of $25 per day resulting in a total penalty assessment of $250.

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If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or aandrews@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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