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Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Sino-M International, LLC d/b/a Seattle May Travel*
Commission Staff's Recommendation to Waive Suspended Penalties
Docket TE-160911

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In Order 01 of Docket TE-160911, Sino-M International, LLC d/b/a Seattle May Travel (Seattle May Travel or Company) was assessed a penalty of \$6,900. The penalty was the result of an investigation conducted in May 2016 in which staff discovered 83 violations of WAC 480-30-221, which adopts by reference Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) Part 391 related to driver qualifications, and Part 396, related to vehicle inspection, repair and maintenance.¹

Seattle May Travel requested mitigation of the assessed penalty and the Commission suspended a \$3,000 portion of the penalty for a period of two years, and then waived, subject to the following conditions: 1) The Company must maintain a "conditional" safety rating, 2) Seattle May Travel may not incur any repeat violations of WAC 480-30-221, and 3) the Company must pay the \$3,900 portion of the penalty that is not suspended.

On September 13, 2016, the Commission's Financial Services department filed a statement of account in this docket noting that the \$3,900 unsuspended portion of the penalty was paid in full.

In accordance with Docket TE-160911, staff completed the required follow-up safety investigation in July 2018. Staff did not discover any repeat violations during this investigation.

¹ WAC 480-30-221 adopts by reference sections of Title 49 CFR accordingly, Commission safety regulations with parallel federal provisions are hereinafter referenced by the applicable part of 49 CFR.

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Staff finds that Seattle May Travel has maintained a “conditional” safety rating and the conditions of Order 1 have been satisfied.

Staff recommends the \$3,000 suspended penalty issued against Seattle May Travel be waived and the docket closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety at Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov or at (360) 664-1238.

Sincerely,



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