

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

## UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Rocket Transportation LLC Commission Staff's Response to Proposed Payment Schedule Docket TC-171022

Dear Mr. King:

On November 22, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Order 01 in docket TC-171022 which assessed a penalty of \$3,500 against Rocket Transportation LLC (Rocket Transportation) for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221 Vehicle and Equipment Safety Requirements. The Commission further suspended \$1,750 of the penalty on conditions outlined in the order, which left a balance of \$1,750 due and payable to the Commission.

On November 28, 2017, Kathy Roman, managing partner of Rocket Transportation, contacted staff and proposed a payment plan. The plan consisted of seven monthly payments beginning immediately and ranging from \$100 to \$450. Ms. Roman requested the Commission consider the company's current financial situation and allow the company to make smaller payments in the short term, and accelerate payments in Spring 2019 once the company has satisfied other debts.

Staff appreciates Rocket Transportation's willingness to pay its penalties, even under difficult times, and supports the company's somewhat unconventional proposal, under the following conditions:

1. The company will make seven monthly payments, in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$450 as depicted below.

- 2. Each payment will be due and payable on the first business day of each month, beginning with a payment of \$100 due January 2, 2018.
- 3. If the carrier fails to pay any installment by the due date, or fails to pay at least the minimum amount due, the entire remaining balance of payments will become immediately due and payable.

The proposed payment scheduled is depicted below:

January 2, 2018	\$100
February 1, 2018	\$100
March 1, 2018	\$100
April 2, 2018	\$200
May 1, 2018	\$400
June 1, 2018	\$400
July 2, 2018	\$450

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Turcott, Compliance Investigations Supervisor, Consumer Protection, at 360-664-1174, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:miturcot@utc.wa.gov">miturcot@utc.wa.gov</a>.

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