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Jan. 3, 2019

Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC d/b/a Vashon Shuttle*
Commission Staff's Response to Request for Payment Arrangements
Docket TC-180761

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On Sept. 27, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment against Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC d/b/a Vashon Shuttle (Vashon Shuttle or company) in the amount of \$6,300 for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-222, Vehicles with Capacity for Seven or Fewer Passengers (Including the Driver).

On Nov. 13, 2018, Vashon Shuttle filed with the Commission its application for mitigation of penalties. In the request for mitigation, Danette Stoner, owner of Vashon Shuttle, admitted the violations, stated she believed that the penalty should be reduced, and requested a hearing to present evidence to an administrative law judge for a decision. Ms. Stoner failed to provide any information in support of her requests for mitigation, or a hearing.

On Nov. 20, 2018, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission deny the company's request for a hearing, and grant the company's request for mitigation, in part, reducing the assessed penalty from \$6,300 to \$3,200. Staff further recommended that \$1,600 of the reduced penalty be suspended for a period of two years before being waived, subject to conditions.

On Dec. 21, 2018, the Commission issued an order denying the company's request for a hearing, and granting, in part, the company's request for mitigation of the \$6,300 penalty; reducing the penalty to \$3,200. In addition, the Commission suspended a \$1,600 portion of the penalty for a period of two years before being waived, subject to the conditions that: (1) Vashon Shuttle not

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incur any repeat violations of WAC 480-30-222; and (2) Vashon Shuttle must either pay the \$1,600 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or file jointly with Staff a proposed payment arrangement within 10 days of the order.

On Jan. 3, 2019, Vashon Shuttle contacted Staff and proposed payment arrangements on the \$1,600 portion of the penalty that is not suspended. Staff supports the company's proposed monthly payments as follows:

Payment Plan		
Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	Jan. 18, 2019	\$125
2	Feb. 5, 2019	\$125
3	March 5, 2019	\$125
4	April 5, 2019	\$125
5	May 6, 2019	\$125
6	June 5, 2019	\$125
7	July 5, 2019	\$125
8	Aug. 5, 2019	\$125
9	Sept. 5, 2019	\$125
10	Oct. 7, 2019	\$125
11	Nov. 5, 2019	\$125
12	Dec. 5, 2019	\$225
	Total:	\$1,600

Vashon Shuttle is aware that if it fails to pay any installment by the due date, or fails to pay at least the minimum monthly installment by the due date, the entire remaining balance will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hoxit, Compliance Investigator, Consumer Protection, at 360-664-1320, or by email at jason.hoxit@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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