

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

## UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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December 29, 2023

Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

 RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Max Kastl d/b/a Kastl Express LLC Commission Staff's Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties of Order 01 Dockets TV-230180

Dear Kathy Hunter:

On September 14, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Denying Mitigation, Imposing and Suspending Penalties in the above-referenced docket.

On September 22, 2023, an Errata To Order 01 was issued as it contained certain errors, which did not reflect the Commission's findings earlier in the same Order. The amended Order 01 read as follows:

(1) Kastl Express d/b/a Kastle Express LLC's request for mitigation of the \$10,600 penalty is DENIED, the \$5,300 portion of the penalty that is not suspended is due and payable within 10 days of the amendment of this Order.

In addition, paragraph 21 of Order 01 is amended to read as follows:

(2) A \$5,300 portion of the \$10,600 penalty is suspended for a period of two years, at which point it will be waived, subject to the conditions described in paragraph nine.

Paragraph nine of Order 01 agreed with Staff's recommendation to suspend a \$5,300 portion of the penalty for two years, then waive it, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Kastl Express does not incur any repeat violations of WAC 480-15-620, WAC 480-15-630, WAC 480-15-710 (3), and Tariff 15-C, Item 85 and Item 95, and 2) Kastl Express pays the

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\$5,300 portion of the penalty that is not suspended. If Staff discovers that Kastl Express has violated the Household Goods rules and Tariff 15-C, the \$5,300 suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.

Max Kastl d/b/a Kastl Express LLC failed to pay the \$5,300 portion of the penalty that was not suspended as required in paragraph nine of Order 01. Staff recommends that the \$5,300 suspended portion of the penalty be imposed and the entire balance of \$10,600 become immediately due and payable.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharmila Prabakaran at <u>sharmila.prabakaran@utc.wa.gov</u> or (360) 664-1129.

Sincerely,

Bridgit Feeser Director, Consumer Protection