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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Carrie Creech d/b/a Cope Quality Services*
Commission Staff's Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties
Docket TV-140345

Dear Mr. King:

On May 9, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission entered a Final Order classifying Carrie Creech d/b/a Cope Quality Services (Carrie Creech) as a household goods carrier, and imposing and suspending penalties on condition of future compliance. Ms. Creech was assessed a \$5,000 penalty for violations of RCW 81.80.075(1), which prohibits household goods carriers from operating for compensation in Washington without first obtaining the required permit from the commission. A portion of the penalty, \$4,500, was suspended for a period of two years on the condition that Ms. Creech cease and desist operating as a household goods carrier and comply with a payment plan for paying the remainder of the \$500 penalty.

The Order specifies that a payment in the amount of \$50 was due May 9, 2014, and payments of \$150 were due on June 9, July 9, and Aug. 8, 2014. If two consecutive payments were missed, the entire amount of the penalty, including the suspended portion of \$4,500, would become due and payable the day after the second missed penalty was due. To date, Ms. Creech has failed to make the payments due on June 9, July 9, and Aug. 8, 2014.

Staff recommends that the entire penalty of \$5,000, which includes the suspended portion of \$4,500, be imposed in full for violating a commission Order by failing to comply with the Order and pay the penalties by a date certain.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director
Consumer Protection and Communications