**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against  SEATTLE FINEST LIMO AND PARTY BUS  in the amount of $1,000  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | )  )  )  )  )  )  ) | DOCKET TE-151046  ORDER 02  ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT |

**BACKGROUND**

1. On June 10, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty in the amount of $1,000 against Seattle Finest Limo and Party Bus (Seattle Finest Limo) for violations of 480-30-071. This rule requires charter and excursion carriers to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year.
2. On June 18, 2015, Seattle Finest Limo requested a hearing and mitigation of the $1,000 penalty, which Commission Staff (Staff) opposed. On July 8, the Commission issued Order 01 in this docket, denying the Company’s request for hearing, denying mitigation, and directing the Company to pay the penalty no later than July 20.
3. On August 17, 2015, Commission Staff (Staff) contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly proposed the following payment schedule:

August 31, 2015 $250

September 30, 2015 $250

October 30, 2015 $250

November 30, 2015 $250

1. Staff also proposed that if Seattle Finest Limo misses one payment, the entire balance will be due and payable immediately, and that if Seattle Finest Limo fails to pay the entire $1,000 penalty by November 30, 2015, the Commission may refer the balance to the Attorney General’s Office for collection.

**DISCUSSION**

1. The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. If Seattle Finest Limo fails to pay the penalty by the date it becomes due in full – either immediately upon a missed installment, or November 30, whichever applies – the Commission may cancel the Company’s charter and excursion certificate.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. (1) The penalty of $1,000 is due and payable to the Commission in installments as follows:

August 31, 2015 $250

September 30, 2015 $250

October 30, 2015 $250

November 30, 2015 $250

1. (2) If Seattle Finest Limo and Party Bus fails to pay any installment by 5:00 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
2. (3) If Seattle Finest Limo and Party Bus fails to pay any portion of the assessed penalty by the due date, the Commission may cancel the Company’s charter and excursion certificate by order in this docket.
3. The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 18, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING

Executive Director and Secretary

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission’s website.**