

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against	DOCKET TE-160710
MEIXI TRAVEL, LLC	ORDER 02
in the amount of \$1,000	ORDER GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

1 On June 21, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$1,000 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Meixi Travel, LLC (Meixi Travel or Company) for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-071, which requires charter and excursion carriers to file annual reports by May 1 of each year, or the first business day thereafter.

2 On June 30, 2016, Meixi Travel responded to the Commission's penalty assessment, admitting the violations and requesting mitigation based on the written information provided.

3 On August 2, 2016, the Commission issued Order 01 Denying Mitigation (Order 01). Order 01 directed the Company to pay the penalty no later than August 16, 2016.

4 On December 6, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter with the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in installments, and that Staff supports the Company's request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

December 5, 2016	\$300
January 5, 2017	\$300
February 6, 2017	\$400

5 Staff also proposes that if Meixi Travel misses any payment, the entire remaining balance will immediately become due and payable, and that if Meixi Travel fails to pay the entire \$1,000 penalty by February 6, 2016, the Commission may refer the balance to the

Attorney General's Office for collection. Staff noted that the Company submitted its first \$300 payment on December 5, 2016, but the payment has not yet been processed.

DISCUSSION

- 6 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. Although the Company's request for a payment arrangement was received well past the penalty due date, allowing the Company to pay the penalty in installments will best serve the Commission's goal of voluntary compliance. Accordingly, the Commission approves the parties' proposal with one modification. If Meixi fails to pay the penalty by the date it becomes due in full – either immediately upon a missed installment, or February 6, 2017, whichever applies – the Commission may cancel the Company's auto transportation certificate.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) Order 01 is modified to allow Meixi Travel, LLC to pay the \$1,000 penalty in installments as follows:
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| December 5, 2016 | \$300 |
| January 5, 2017 | \$300 |
| February 6, 2017 | \$400 |
- 8 (2) If Meixi Travel, LLC fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 9 (3) If Meixi Travel, LLC fails to pay any portion of the assessed penalty by the due date, the Commission may cancel the Company's auto transportation by order in this docket.

10 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 December 8, 2016.

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.