

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment  
Against

ATS TRANS, LLC, d/b/a AROUND-  
THE-SOUND TRANSPORTATION  
SPECIALISTS,

in the amount of \$700

DOCKET TE-200117

ORDER 02

GRANTING PAYMENT  
ARRANGEMENT

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On February 27, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$700 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against ATS Trans, LLC, d/b/a Around-the-Sound Transportation Specialists, (ATS or Company) for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221, Vehicle and Driver Safety Requirements, which adopts by reference sections of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 C.F.R.) Part 383 – Commercial Driver’s License Standards; Requirements and Penalties and 49 CFR Part 391 – Qualification of Drivers.
- 2 On March 20, 2020, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation (Order 01). Order 01 imposed a \$400 penalty, due and payable no later than April 2, 2020.
- 3 On March 25, 2020, Commission staff (Staff) contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in two monthly installments, beginning on June 25, 2020, and that Staff supports the request. In its letter, Staff states that the delayed initial payment is intended to account for the economic instability resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed payment arrangement is as follows:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	June 25, 2020	\$200
2	July 27, 2020	\$200

- 4 Staff also proposes that if ATS is unable to pay the first installment due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the Company must file an extension request prior to the due date.

### DISCUSSION

5 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. ATS may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the first due date, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make its timely monthly installment until the full amount of \$400 is satisfied.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 6 (1) The \$400 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 3, above.
- 7 (2) If ATS Trans, LLC, d/b/a Around-the-Sound Transportation Specialists, fails to pay either installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due without having filed an extension request, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 8 The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective March 30, 2020.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



MARK L. JOHNSON  
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.**