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December 18, 2024

Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Martin's Gorge Tours, LLC*
Commission Staff's Recommendation to Waive Suspended Penalties for
Docket TE-220293

Dear Jeff Killip;

On November 23, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 02, Cancelling Special Proceeding, Approving Settlement Agreement in Docket TE-220293. Order 02 assessed Martin's Gorge Tours, LLC (Martin's Gorge Tours or Company) a penalty of \$10,000, and suspended a \$9,000 portion of the penalty for a period of two years, and then waived, subject to the Company cease and desist its operations as a charter party or excursion service carrier within the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate.

On December 28, 2022, the Company applied for a Passenger Charter and Excursion Carrier Services Certificate.

On January 11, 2023, Martin's Gorge Tours was approved for a certificate in Docket TE-220967.

On January 12, 2023, the Company paid the non-suspended portion penalty in full.

Commission staff find that Martin's Gorge Tours satisfied the conditions of Order 02 and recommend that the \$9,000 suspended penalty be waived.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn McPherson, Compliance Investigator, Transportation Safety at (360) 867-8305, or by email at kathryn.mcpherson@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jason Sharp
Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety