Service Date: July 16, 2018

# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment

**DOCKET TV-180287** 

Against

ORDER 02

WISE CHOICE MOVERS, LLC

ORDER GRANTING PAYMENT

in the amount of \$22,900

ARRANGEMENT

## **BACKGROUND**

- On April 24, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$22,900 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Wise Choice Movers, LLC (Wise Choice Movers or Company) for 235 critical violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-555, and WAC 480-15-560 through 570, which adopt by reference sections of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.).
- On April 17, 2018, the Company responded to the Penalty Assessment, admitting the violations and requesting mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided.
- On July 6, 2018, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation to \$11,950, Suspending Penalty, in Part (Order 01). Order 01 suspended \$6,700 of the penalty for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions: (1) Wise Choice Movers must either pay the \$5,250 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or file jointly with Staff a proposed payment arrangement within 10 days of the effective date of the Order; and (2) Wise Choice Movers may not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations.
- On July 10, 2018, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in five monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	August 1, 2018	\$1,000
2	September 4, 2018	\$1,000
3	October 1, 2018	\$1,000
4	November 1, 2018	\$1,000
5	December 3, 2018	\$1,250

Staff also proposes that if Wise Choice Movers misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately.

#### DISCUSSION

The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. Wise Choice Movers may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make timely monthly installments until the full amount of \$5,250 is satisfied.

## **ORDER**

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) The \$5,250 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 4, above.
- 8 (2) If Wise Choice Movers, LLC fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance, as well as the \$6,700 suspended portion of the penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- Wise Choice Movers, LLC may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make timely monthly installments until the full amount is satisfied.
- 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 July 16, 2018.

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.