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March 12, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Heidi Bergman DBA Alice the Mover – TV-143549*
Commission Staff's Recommendation Regarding Violations of Commission Order 02,
Requiring Respondent to Pay Penalty According to Agreed Payment Plan

Dear Mr. King:

On September 29, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) assessed a penalty of \$2,900 against Heidi Bergman d/b/a Alice the Mover (Alice the Mover or company) for 29 violations of WAC 480-15-570, which adopts by reference 49 CFR Part 391 related to driver qualifications.

On October 14, 2014, Alice the Mover requested mitigation of the penalty, which commission staff opposed. On October 23, 2014, the commission issued an order denying the company's request for mitigation and directing the company to either pay the penalty or file jointly with staff a proposed payment plan. Staff filed the joint request for a payment plan on November 3, 2014, asking that the company be able to pay the penalty in eight equal installments of \$362.50 from November 20, 2014, through June 20, 2015.

On November 17, 2014, the commission issued Order 02 granting the requested payment arrangement. The commission stated, however, that if Alice the Mover failed to pay any installment by 5:00 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance would immediately become due and payable without further order by the commission.

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According to the commission's records, Alice the Mover has made three penalty payments as follows:

- Payment due November 20, 2014, was received on December 1, 2014.
- Payment due December 20, 2014, was received on December 24, 2014.
- Payment due January 20, 2015, was received on February 9, 2015.

The payment due on February 20, 2015, has not been received as of the date of this letter, leaving an unpaid balance of \$1,812.50.

Alice the Mover violated the terms of the commission's order by failing to make timely penalty payments as required. Staff recommends that the commission revoke the payment plan and require that the unpaid balance be immediately due and payable.

Please contact Betty Young, Compliance Investigator, at (360) 664-1202 or by email at byoung@utc.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David Pratt, Assistant Director
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