# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Investigation of

MENDEZ MOVERS, LLC,

For Compliance with WAC 480-15

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment against

MENDEZ MOVERS, LLC,

in the amount of \$8,300

DOCKETS TV-220034 and TV-220035 (*Consolidated*)

ORDER 02

GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

# BACKGROUND

- I On February 25, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Consolidating Dockets; Approving Safety Management Plan; Upgrading Safety Rating; Imposing and Suspending Penalties (Order 01) against Mendez Movers, LLC, (Mendez Movers or Company) for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-560 and WAC 480-15-570. Order 01, among other things, assessed a penalty of \$4,300 and suspended a \$2,300 portion of the penalty for two years, at which point the Commission will waive it, subject to the conditions that (1) Mendez Movers maintains a conditional safety rating, (2) Staff conducts a follow-up investigation at least six months from the effective date of Order 01, (3) Mendez Movers does not incur any repeat violations of acute or critical regulations upon reinspection, and (4) Mendez Movers timely pays the \$2,000 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or files jointly with Staff a proposed payment plan.
- 2 On March 30, 2022, Staff filed a letter in this docket informing the Commission that the Company requests to pay the unsuspended portion of the penalty in eight monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly proposed the following payment schedule:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	April 15, 2022	\$250
2	May 16, 2022	\$250
3	June 15, 2022	\$250
4	July 15, 2022	\$250
5	August 15, 2022	\$250
6	September 15, 2022	\$250
7	October 17, 2022	\$250
8	November 15, 2022	\$250

3 Staff also proposes that if Mendez Movers fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire balance, including the suspended penalty, will become due and payable immediately.

### DISCUSSION

4 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. Accordingly, the Commission approves the proposal with one modification. Mendez 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 its timely monthly installment until the full amount of \$2,000 is satisfied.

#### ORDER

# THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 5 (1) The \$2,000 unsuspended portion of the penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 2, above.
- 6 (2) If Mendez Movers, LLC, fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance, as well as the \$2,300 suspended portion of the penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 7 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 April 5, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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AMANDA MAXWELL 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.