

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against	DOCKET TC-180761
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRIBUTING, LLC d/b/a VASHON SHUTTLE	ORDER 02
in the amount of \$6,300	ORDER GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On September 27, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$6,300 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC d/b/a Vashon Shuttle (Vashon Shuttle or Company) for 64 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-222, which sets out the safety requirements for auto transportation companies that operate vehicles with a capacity of seven or fewer passengers, including the driver.
- 2 On November 13, 2018, the Company responded to the Penalty Assessment, admitting the violations, requesting mitigation of the penalty, and requesting a hearing. The Company did not provide any explanation or supporting documentation with its response.
- 3 On December 21, 2018, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation to \$3,200; Suspending Penalty, In Part (Order 01). Order 01 suspended \$1,600 of the penalty for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions: (1) Vashon Shuttle must either pay the \$1,600 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) Vashon Shuttle may not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations.
- 4 On January 3, 2019, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in twelve monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	January 18, 2019	\$125
2	February 5, 2019	\$125

3	March 5, 2019	\$125
4	April 5, 2019	\$125
5	May 6, 2019	\$125
6	June 5, 2019	\$125
7	July 5, 2019	\$125
8	August 5, 2019	\$125
9	September 5, 2019	\$125
10	October 7, 2019	\$125
11	November 5, 2019	\$125
12	December 5, 2019	\$225

5 Staff also proposes that if Vashon Shuttle misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately.

**DISCUSSION**

6 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. Vashon Shuttle 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 \$1,600 is satisfied.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) The \$1,600 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 4, above.
- 8 (2) If Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC d/b/a Vashon Shuttle fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance, as well as the \$1,600 suspended portion of the penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 9 (3) Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC d/b/a Vashon Shuttle 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.

- 10 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 January 7, 2019.

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.**