June 7, 2016

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Edward Martin d/b/a Martin Movers*

Commission Staff’s Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties

Docket TV-151654

Dear Mr. King:

On Oct. 19, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission entered Order 02, which classified Edward Martin d/b/a Martin Movers (Mr. Martin) as a household goods carrier. In Order 02, Mr. Martin was assessed a $5,000 penalty for violations of RCW 81.80.075(1), which prohibits household goods carriers from operating for compensation in Washington without first obtaining the required permit from the commission. A $4,500 portion of the penalty was suspended for a period of two years on the condition that Mr. Martin pay the $500 remainder of the penalty due and cease and desist operating as a household goods carrier without the required permit.

Order 02 specified a payment in the amount of $500 was due within 10 days of the effective date of the Order. If the payment was missed, the entire amount of the penalty would become immediately due and payable. Mr. Martin was served Order 02 on, or around, April 13, 2016, after multiple failed service attempts. Mr. Martin failed to make any payment.

Staff recommends the suspended $4,500 penalty be imposed for violating a commission order by failing to make the required payment within 10 days of the effective date of Order 02.

Sincerely,

Bridgit Feeser, Assistant Director

Consumer Protection