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March 23, 2020

Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW Olympia WA 98504

Re: Petition to Request and Exemption from Utilities and Transportation Commission's Insurance Requirements,

To Whom It May Concern:

Platinum Transportation, LLC is asking for an exemption to WAC.480-14-250(1) (a) to accept United Specialty Insurance Co, as an unauthorized company not listed with the WUTC as our auto liability insurance provider. United Specialty Insurance Co is an active member of the Surplus Lines Association of Washington as an acceptable unauthorized carrier for filing purposes with the NAIC number 12537. United Specialty Insurance Co has and AM Best financial strength rating of A and financial size category of VIII (\$100M - \$250M in surplus).

Platinum Transportation, LLC has been operating from Hermiston Oregon as a common carrier of farm products and related services since 2003. Platinum Transportation, LLC is hereby formally filing a petition to request an exemption from the State of WUTC's insurance requirements and is asking the WUTC to accept the placement of our auto liability insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 with non-admitted insurer United Specialty Insurance Co. Our necessity in filing this petition is due to being unable to find and admitted insurer to place our coverage since we were non-renewed by our prior carrier Sentry on March 1, 2020.

We found one other insurance that would provide coverage by XXX at \$100,000 plus annual premium higher and would place our company out of business. Washington Farm related business is 15% of our annual business that takes place primarily during harvest season with contracts already signed for the 2020 harvest in Washington.

Please call if you have any questions or need additional information. We look forward to hearing your decision as soon as possible.

Hoping to continue moving farm products for Washington Farmers,

Lora Sharkey Member Platinum Transportation, LLC