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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to ask for mitigation for a portion of the penalty assessed against Monroe Transportation LTD, dba Chinook Charter Service.

Needless to say, as a result of the survey, we have worked hard to both improve our maintenance and record keeping. The suggestions that the inspectors had for our maintenance record keeping have been instrumental in improving our operation.

We would though, like your organization to examine a few of our violations, to determine if some mitigation can occur. In the past, if we had violations that were fixed on site at the time of the examination, no monetary fine occurred. The violations that we repaired on site included a flat tire [it was inspected earlier in the day and was fine], and the push out windows. [enclosed please note copies of the write ups.]

What generated the majority of violations for one incident was the fact that we received 17 violations for not keeping records for a bus we no longer owned. As background, we donated a bus to a youth group in Poulsbo. In advance of their towing the bus to their location, we removed windows, lights and seats. The group then used the engine and transmission for one of their youth buses, and scrapped the hulk. At that time, we then discarded the maintenance records as the bus could never be put in service again. [Our insurance company also recommended that this be done.] As of this date, I now understand that we were supposed to keep the maintenance records for six months after the bus was scrapped. If possible, I would hope that a reduction in the number of violations for one incident could be considered, or the fine portion reduced.

We do understand and appreciate the work of the Washington Utilities and Transportation in these matters. We will continue to work with your inspectors to provide save and reliable transportation.

If you have any questions, or if you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert and Linda Pirnke
Chinook Charter Service

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PENALTY ASSESSMENT, Docket No. TE-061282

PLEASE NOTE: You must complete and sign this document, and send it to the Commission within 15 days after you receive the penalty assessment. Use additional paper if needed.

I have read and understand RCW 9A.72.020 (printed below), which states that making false statements under oath is a class B felony. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below and I have personal knowledge of those matters. I hereby make, under oath, the following statements.

- 1. Payment of penalty. I admit that the violation occurred and enclose \$1,000 in payment of the penalty.
- 2. Request for a hearing. I believe that the alleged violation did not occur, based on the following information, and request a hearing for a decision by an administrative law judge:

3. Application for mitigation. I admit the violation, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reason(s) set out below.

- a) I ask for a hearing for a decision by an administrative law judge
- OR b) I waive a hearing and ask for an administrative decision on the information I present here.

I request that the hearing be cancelled and that the enclosed letter be considered as my testimony, for a decision by an administrative law judge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing, including information I have presented on any attachments, is true and correct.

Dated: 10/25/2006, at Snodgrass, WA
[month/day/year] [city, state]

Chinook Charter Service
Name of Respondent (company) - please print

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

RCW 9A.72.020:

"Perjury in the first degree. (1) A person is guilty of perjury in the first degree if in any official proceeding he makes a materially false statement which he knows to be false under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the actor's mistaken belief that his statement was not material is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. (3) Perjury in the first degree is a class B felony."

UNIFORM DRIVER/VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

1224453

PERSONNEL NO. 5553 DIST / DET _____ LEVEL: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 X

GENERAL			HAZARDOUS MATERIALS		
DATE <u>6.21.06</u>	TIME (MILITARY) BEGUN <u>10:50</u>	TIME (MILITARY) FINISHED <u>1:10</u>	HAZARD CLASS / DIVISION NO. _____		
LOCATION: SR/MP <u>TERMINAL</u>		SCALEHOUSE NO. CITY CODE <u>31</u>	REPORTABLE QTY? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>	HAZARDOUS WASTE? <u>Y</u>	
			PLACARD REQUIRED? <u>Y</u> <u>N</u>	CARGO TANKS? <u>Y</u>	

CARRIER

CARRIER NAME (Include DBA when applicable)
MONROE TRANS LTD DBA: CHINOOK CHARTER SERV

ADDRESS
P O Box 13193 CH-57

CITY M M Creek STATE WA ZIP CODE 98052 INTERSTATE YES NO DOT NO. 290620 ICC NO. 167609

DRIVER

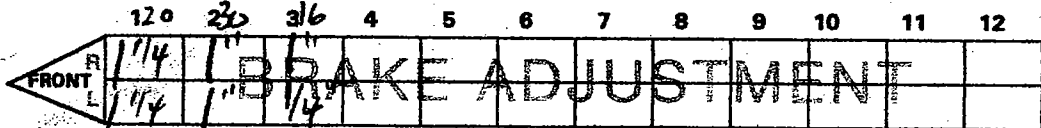
DRIVER NAME _____ LICENSE NO. _____ STATE _____ EXP. YEAR _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ MED. CERT. Y N SHIPPER NAME _____ SHIPPING NO. _____
WAIVER Y N

VEHICLE 47 FAX MC

REGISTERED OWNER NAME/ADDRESS Carrier G.V.W. PASSENGER PBT RATE _____

UNIT	TYPE	YEAR/MAKE	CO. UNIT NO.	LICENSE NO. / VIN NO.	STA
1	<u>BU</u>	<u>89 MCI</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>06361RP</u>	<u>W</u>
2					
3					
4					



CFR	VIOLATIONS	D	1	2	3	4	Unit # O/S	Co
<u>393.62</u>	<u>LT Side 2 Rear Emergency Exits INOPERABLE</u>		<u>X</u>					<u>JL</u>
	<u>REPAIRED ON SITE</u>							

CVSA DECALS UNIT 1 3505446 UNIT 2 _____ UNIT 3 _____ UNIT 4 _____ NOIC NO. _____

DRIVER SIGNATURE [Signature]

OFFICER SIGNATURE A. Dickson

____ Vehicle may not be operated until O/S defects noted above are repaired.
____ Driver may not drive until in compliance.

UNIFORM DRIVER/VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

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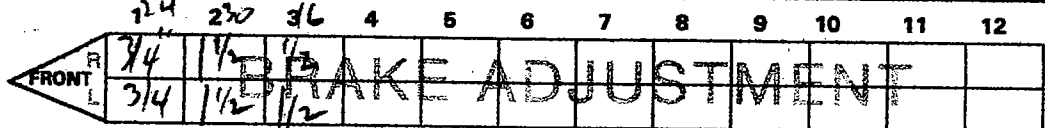
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CARRIER						
CARRIER NAME (Include DBA when applicable) MORROE TRANS LTD DBA: Chinook Charter Ser						
ADDRESS P O Box 13193 CH-57						
CITY Mill Creek	STATE WA	ZIP CODE 98082	INTERSTATE NO	DOT NO. 290620	ICC NO. 167609	

DRIVER					
DRIVER NAME			LICENSE NO.	STATE	EXP. YEAR
DATE OF BIRTH	MED. CERT. Y N	SHIPPER NAME		SHIPPING NO.	
	WAIVER Y N				

VEHICLE						
REGISTERED OWNER NAME/ADDRESS Carrier					G.V.W. 47 PASSENGER	PBT RATE
UNIT	TYPE	YEAR/MAKE	CO. UNIT NO.	LICENSE NO. / VIN NO.	STA	
1	BU	81 MCI	120	87306 PR	WA	
2						
3						
4						



CFR	VIOLATIONS	D	1	2	3	4	Unit #	Cor
393.15 F4	RT 1/2 drive Axle Tire Flat less than 50% of Max Press		X				X	30

CWSA DECALS 3505447	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	NOIC NO.
DRIVER SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>					
OFFICER SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>					

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