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1 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
2 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

3 In the Matter of the Penalty)
4 Assessment Against)
5 JOHN CHI)
6 JOHN CHI INTERNATIONAL CORP.) Docket TE-130204
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8 In the Amount of \$600)
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JUDGE TOREM: Let's go on the record.

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My name is Adam Torem, I'm an administrative law judge

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with the Washington Utilities and Transportation

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Commission. Today is Monday the 22nd of April 2013,

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it is a little after 1:30 in the afternoon. This is

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Docket TE-130204.

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This is a brief adjudicative proceeding

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requested by Mr. John Chi of John Chi International

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Corporation. This comes as a result of a penalty

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assess that was issued, and Mr. Chi asked for

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mitigation of the penalty of \$600. He has already

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paid that, according to the records, and asked for a

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hearing, nonetheless, to explain what happened. My

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understanding is this was an annual safety report that

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was due by December 31st, 2012, it was not filed on

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time, and also a payment for his regulatory fees.

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This brief adjudication is conducted under our

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Administrative Procedure Act for the State of

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Washington. It is also according to the Commission's

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rules. This is a fairly informal proceeding where,

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Mr. Chi, you will have an opportunity to explain

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1 yourself. If you testify, if you give any factual
2 testimony, I will swear you in, just like you see in
3 all the courtroom proceedings, and you can testify. I
4 think we have the documents and the facts already in
5 evidence, though.

6 Typically, what these are is an opportunity
7 for you to speak directly to an administrative judge,
8 such as myself. Mr. Fassio would then have an
9 opportunity to, if necessary, present other factual
10 evidence. He has one potential witness with him,
11 Mr. Mat Perkinson. He can also explain the
12 Commission's position on things.

13 In order for the court reporter to be able to
14 take everything down, we ask people to speak one at a
15 time, relatively slowly. Because we are all in the
16 same room, it is pretty easy for the court reporter to
17 identify who is talking. I have identified basically
18 who is in the room already, but just for one last
19 formality, let me ask you to state your name and
20 address for the record, Mr. Chi, and if you will spell
21 your last name.

22 MR. CHI: Okay. My last name is C-H-I,
23 first name is John, J-O-H-N.

24 JUDGE TOREM: And what is your business
25 address?

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1 MR. CHI: It's 10538 Northeast 24th
2 Street, Bellevue, B-E-L-L-E-V-U-E, Washington 98004.

3 JUDGE TOREM: Excellent. Thank you,
4 sir.

5 Representing Commission Staff today?

6 MR. FASSIO: Michael Fassio, Assistant
7 Attorney General. My address is P.O. Box 40128,
8 Olympia, Washington 98504. Phone, (360) 664-1192.
9 Fax, (360) 586-5522. E-mail address is
10 mfassio@utc.wa.gov.

11 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Fassio, you prepared
12 an exhibit list that you have handed to me. It is
13 based on a letter, I think, that you filed on
14 April 15th, detailing the documents you thought
15 existed in the case. Just so we are all on the same
16 page, would you go over that list of documents that
17 you have submitted. And I understand you already
18 provided Mr. Chi a copy of the documents?

19 MR. FASSIO: Yes, Your Honor, I did.

20 JUDGE TOREM: So let's go through them
21 and make sure that as far as Mr. Chi is concerned for
22 the hearing, I have all the documents that I need.

23 If there's anything else, Mr. Chi, I know you
24 didn't send anything in last week, but if you see
25 something missing, bring it to my attention.

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1 MR. CHI: I think you've got pretty much
2 everything here. I saw this copy. When I first
3 walked in he gave it to me. I think it's pretty much
4 all here.

5 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Well, let's go down
6 the list, Mr. Fassio.

7 MR. FASSIO: Sure. The first document
8 is a declaration of Mathew Perkinson, compliance
9 investigator with the Commission. He is also present
10 today and available for questions. That declaration
11 describes his investigation underlying the penalty
12 assessment in this docket. The declaration also has
13 supporting documentation, which I will go through, and
14 it has -- consists of written communications between
15 the Commission and John Chi International Corporation
16 in connection with that penalty assessment. It does
17 also present Staff's recommendation in this case. I
18 would like the opportunity before the close of the
19 hearing, if Staff needs it, to break before providing
20 any additional recommendation, if there is one that
21 needs to be done. That's the first document.

22 We also have what is labeled as Exhibit 1 to
23 his declaration, which is a letter on November 15th,
24 from Staff to John Chi International. That includes
25 instructions for filing a safety report, and a safety

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1 report form itself, and a description of the
2 consequences for not filing that report.

3 JUDGE TOREM: This Exhibit 1 to the
4 declaration, the one I have is a form letter that's
5 addressed to all of the charter and excursion
6 carriers.

7 MR. FASSIO: That is correct.
8 Mr. Perkinson's declaration describes it. That was
9 also sent to Mr. Chi.

10 JUDGE TOREM: Okay.

11 MR. FASSIO: And then there is Exhibit 2
12 to his declaration, which is a notice of enforcement,
13 it is dated January 7th. That is from the Commission
14 to -- and that was sent to John Chi International
15 Corp., advising the company that its annual report was
16 past due and that financial penalties were due and
17 recurring on January 7th. A similar letter would have
18 been sent to other carriers in a similar position, but
19 this is the letter that was sent to Mr. Chi.

20 And then Exhibit 3 to his declaration is the
21 actual notice of penalty assessment in this case. And
22 then Exhibit 4 is the letter that Mr. Chi filed with
23 the Commission dated March 8, in response to the
24 penalty assessment. And then the last document that
25 we have is simply a declaration of the records manager

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1 for the Commission, Lisa Wyse, attesting that each
2 exhibit that is attached is a true and correct copy of
3 the document as described in the declaration.

4 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Chi, have you had a
5 chance to look at all of those documents?

6 MR. CHI: Pretty much. I think I saw
7 this when I came back from overseas. Basically --
8 first of all, I think I'm -- I appreciate to have this
9 opportunity to explain what's going on.

10 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Let's go ahead and
11 have you do that now. Are you going to be explaining
12 more facts that aren't already here?

13 MR. CHI: It is very simple and very
14 straightforward.

15 JUDGE TOREM: Let me swear you in, just
16 in case anything factual comes in. That way it can be
17 admitted as evidence.

18 MR. CHI: Okay.

19 JUDGE TOREM: And then you can just mix
20 the facts and argument as you see fit.

21 If you will please stand very quickly. I will
22 give you the oath of witness.

23 MR. CHI: Okay.

24 JUDGE TOREM: Raise your right hand.

25 MR. CHI: (Complies.)

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1 JOHN CHI, witness herein, having been
2 first duly sworn on oath,
3 was examined and testified
4 as follows:

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BY JUDGE TOREM:

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Q Go ahead, sir.

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A Basically, our company is a consulting
11 company. It's very, very small. It's not like a huge
12 company. The company operation is basically --

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Q Can you speak up so she can hear?

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A I said our company is very small consulting
15 company. Our vehicles are basically just for when
16 people -- when they have needs. We are just, you
17 know, trying to satisfy our own customers, either
18 domestic or international.

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Our company has just been regulated as
20 commercial vehicle since November. This is very, very
21 new to us, for those kind of regulations. It doesn't
22 matter, safety check or those things. I think we,
23 through those, the past documents, we passed all the
24 requirements by WUTC. We are trying to do everything
25 legally, as much as possible. And as you know, you

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1 know, we even get your penalty, we just pay for it.

2 The reason why I am here is I think for this
3 purpose, the late safety report, just because I was
4 unable to respond in time physically at that time.
5 When I came back, I find out that that report -- I
6 sent the report right away, and I called here, WUTC,
7 right away.

8 Now, I -- there's two inspectors that inspect
9 our vehicles, so I do have their business card, and I
10 sent them an e-mail and I just asked them what's going
11 on, what I should do. And they just told me to -- an
12 agent here. I called her and she said -- she gave me
13 the instruction and I'm responding right away.

14 To be honest speaking, this is totally new to
15 me. I'm just thinking, you know, as industry
16 official, they are trying to help small and middle
17 size business to be success and to benefit to the
18 individual, you know, to everybody. So I've got no
19 problem to follow the regulation. This kind of thing
20 was a little bit different because I was unable to
21 respond in the right time, in the right way. So
22 that's why I'm here, to explain to the judge, what I
23 supposed to do, or maybe reduce the penalty, or just
24 give me a break.

25 I will make sure it won't happen again. I

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1 will bring my -- my business supervisor to WUTC to
2 study a little bit more about the regulation thing. I
3 have a whole bunch of things I need to take care of
4 every day. It's very hard for me to study page by
5 page, piece by piece about regulations. But I think
6 if our vehicle being regulated as commercial vehicles,
7 we will have to follow the procedure or regulation
8 which is set up by either DOT or WUTC, there's no
9 doubt about it. I think this is a very good
10 opportunity for me to present my points. That's why I
11 came all the way from Seattle to here. I just want
12 to, you know, give everything to everybody in this
13 room.

14 Q Thank you, Mr. Chi.

15 Can you tell me, in your letter you say, and
16 you repeat today, you were unable to respond on time
17 and that you travel routinely away from the area.

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Can you explain a little bit more?

20 A Because at the end of the year, I spent
21 New Year's Eve with family, so I was back in China and
22 Hong Kong and, you know, those places. But I'm pretty
23 sure my -- the letter, it's very, very --
24 unfortunately, I cannot respond right away, but this
25 is not right. I should be responding right away,

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1 because I -- just like everybody else, but this --
2 this is the situation, so...

3 Q This is something that I understand goes out
4 every year --

5 A Pretty much.

6 Q -- at the same time.

7 A Yeah, pretty much.

8 Q And so will you be traveling again when the
9 letter comes this year, or how will you respond?

10 A I think this year -- this stewing in my mind.
11 I think I should hire some professional to handle this
12 kind of situation, because it -- it's getting harder
13 and harder for just one person taking care of
14 everything, the marketing, the employee, you know, the
15 bills, the -- you know, it's just too much. I think
16 if we hired some professional to take care of a
17 certain area and he know the vehicles and he know
18 those kind of letters from WUTC or DOT, in the future
19 this kind of thing will be very unlikely to be
20 happening again.

21 Q How many vehicles do you have?

22 A I have three.

23 Q And what kind of vehicles?

24 A We have a Mercedes sprinter, and we have one
25 for -- it's 15 seats and one for -- it's 12 seats.

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1 Q So you have two vans and the Mercedes
2 Sprinter?

3 A The Sprinter is also a van, but we just bought
4 it a few weeks ago. It should be regulated by the
5 WUTC already.

6 Q Anything else that you want to tell me today
7 about the situation?

8 A That's pretty much -- in the beginning, I
9 didn't think a situation like this. I thought maybe
10 just one-to-one, just give the fact. Because we
11 just -- well, this is good, WUTC people here, so they
12 know me better. Next time when I call them they can
13 just say -- it was kind of -- kind of hard to find
14 this place. I saw a gentleman walking on the street.
15 I asked -- I just gave him this piece of paper. He
16 said, Oh, you must be John Chi.

17 How do you know me?

18 Because I work for this department.

19 I don't want this kind of bad image in the
20 future. My intention is, I just want -- even though I
21 pay the \$600, I want everybody to know who I am and it
22 won't happen again.

23 Q Well, I encourage you, since you are here
24 today, if Mr. Perkinson can introduce you to the
25 enforcement staff and the technical help staff of the

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1 appropriate division, to take advantage and meet them
2 today, so that you have a face to call and a contact
3 here in Olympia if you have a question about these
4 forms or other procedures about your vehicles.

5 Today's case, though, is about the letters and
6 the facts in the declarations show that things were
7 due by the end of the year and you filed yours, I
8 believe it says January 23rd was when the Commission
9 received it. There's no disputing that; is that
10 correct?

11 A No.

12 Q Okay.

13 A I think all here are pretty much true. I
14 think they are trying to regulate every commercial
15 vehicle like anybody else. Unfortunately, my
16 situation, it doesn't match what they wanted, so
17 that's why I got this kind of penalty, but because I
18 don't know.

19 Q And you say --

20 A I was unable to respond right away. If I do,
21 or even knew that earlier, or, you know, if in the
22 past someone told me this have to be done, I probably
23 made another move. It's just a form, you know, it's
24 no big deal.

25 Q I understand what it is.

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1 A So that's pretty much all.

2 Q You said earlier you started being
3 regulated as a business in November?

4 A Last November.

5 Q Did they give you a copy of all of the rules,
6 or did they presume you would find those all online?

7 A They gave me a book, like this much. Some
8 things related to vehicle, but some things did not. I
9 just do not have enough time to read each page.

10 Q How is your English reading and comprehension?

11 A I would say English is not my mother language,
12 that's for sure. I'm working on it, I'm still
13 polishing it. I'm still learning.

14 Our company is very, very small. Most times
15 if I've got difficulties, I can ask somebody who has
16 better English level to help me out. Most times
17 people are pretty friendly and helpful. I do not
18 think this is a huge issue to me.

19 But there's a certain procedure you have to
20 understand, because before our vehicle has been
21 regulated as a commercial vehicle, it's basically
22 pretty much just a private vehicle, just like, you
23 know, everybody else. Since it has been regulated as
24 a commercial vehicle, you have to do the inspection,
25 you have to have a safety pass, those kind of things,

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1 which is really -- there's quite a few things to take
2 care of. It's not just like something -- it's not
3 very complicated, but it's quite a bit of job that
4 need to be done in a certain way at a certain level.

5 Q So you didn't know about this report?

6 A Before last November.

7 Q When did you come back from your time in Asia?

8 A I think like mid-December.

9 Q So when did you realize you needed to file the
10 report?

11 A I got a letter.

12 Q That January 7th letter?

13 A Yeah, and I sent the e-mail to the inspector
14 right away. I got a letter from WUTC, what I supposed
15 to do, or why I get this letter, and then basically he
16 told me what I supposed to do. I also called WUTC.

17 Q I think I understand your position.

18 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Fassio, I don't know
19 that there is any new facts that came up.

20 Mr. Fassio is entitled, if there's new facts,
21 to ask you questions.

22 MR. CHI: Yeah.

23 JUDGE TOREM: Let's do that informally.

24 MR. FASSIO: I have a couple of just
25 clarifying questions, I suppose.

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1 MR. CHI: Sure.

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4 BY MR. FASSIO:

5 Q I think you had testified that you came under
6 regulation in November 2012?

7 A Last November.

8 Q Of 2012?

9 A 2012, yes.

10 Q In Mr. Perkinson's declaration, Paragraph 3,
11 it indicates that it had been regulated since
12 September 7th of 2012. Is that -- do you -- for
13 clarity of the record?

14 A I think, I think. At least the inspector come
15 to us last November.

16 Q So you had an inspection last November?

17 A Yeah, yeah, yeah.

18 Q But is it possible that you actually came
19 under regulation in September?

20 A It should be -- have something in our record.

21 Q Okay.

22 A But that's no problem.

23 MR. FASSIO: Subject to check, Your
24 Honor, I don't have a Commission docket for that, but
25 the Commission records should probably reflect when

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1 the company received a permit, and the declaration
2 says September 7th, 2012.

3 JUDGE TOREM: So that's when the initial
4 permit may have been issued?

5 MR. FASSIO: That's when the --
6 Mr. Chi's permit may have been issued by the
7 Commission.

8 Q Mr. Chi, you testified that you returned from
9 Asia in mid-December; is that right?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q How long were you there approximately?

12 A For two weeks.

13 Q So from about the beginning of December to
14 mid-December?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q Mr. Perkinson's declaration that you have in
17 front of you has -- on Exhibit 1, it has a letter that
18 the Commission sent to charter carriers such as you
19 dated November 15th. Do you recall seeing that letter
20 that came in November?

21 A I probably didn't pay attention. It's
22 possible.

23 Q Were you aware that you could have requested
24 an extension of time to file your annual report by
25 December 31st?

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1 A Do I know why?

2 Q Well, if you look at --

3 JUDGE TOREM: Maybe you can show him
4 which page.

5 MR. FASSIO: Sure.

6 Q If you look at Page 6 in the exhibits that you
7 have, I will be asking you to take a look at that
8 letter and --

9 A Yeah.

10 Q -- ask if you recall seeing that.

11 A Uh-huh, 31st.

12 Q Do you recall seeing that letter?

13 A I think I might have this one, but I don't
14 have an impression about this letter. At the end of
15 the year, there were lots and lots going on, the tax
16 return, you know, those kinds of things. I cannot
17 100 percent guarantee I didn't receive this letter. I
18 think -- I just cannot remember.

19 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Chi, can you keep your
20 voice up so we can hear you?

21 MR. CHI: Oh, okay.

22 JUDGE TOREM: That's great, thank you.

23 A This letter, I think I -- according to the
24 address and everything here, it should be -- it should
25 be -- receive it. If you ask me why I didn't respond

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1 to this before -- between the 15th and the end of the
2 year, I think probably I didn't take care or pay
3 attention to this letter. That's -- that's quite
4 possible. Because I thought this was some simple
5 notice and then I just didn't pay much attention.

6 To be honest with you, at that time I don't
7 know what a safety report is, you know, nobody told me
8 that. That's the only explanation I can tell you. My
9 intention has no -- I'm not trying to cheat the WUTC
10 or miss a step, I do not have this kind of intention.
11 By the end of the year, there was lots -- so many
12 things going on. From this letter, it's obvious that
13 I -- I think you're right, by November --
14 November 15th, it's not December 15th.

15 JUDGE TOREM: I think, Mr. Chi, the last
16 paragraph on that page was what Mr. Fassio was asking
17 about. It says about requesting an extension of time
18 if you need one. Do you see at the bottom of the
19 first page of the letter?

20 MR. CHI: Yeah.

21 JUDGE TOREM: That will probably be the
22 same wording that comes in the letter in November of
23 this year. That's why I asked you what your plan
24 would be for filing the 2013 report and next year's
25 fees.

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1 MR. CHI: Again, I think this kind of
2 situation, I cannot say 100 percent, I'm very aware
3 and it won't happen again. As a small business owner,
4 I want the company to be healthy, growing. I do not
5 have any intention to again miss the regulation by the
6 WUTC, as far as our vehicle is still regulated as a
7 commercial vehicle.

8 This is quite possible I got this but I didn't
9 pay attention.

10 JUDGE TOREM: Do you remember what the
11 amount of the fees were when you had to pay?

12 MR. CHI: Pay?

13 JUDGE TOREM: You paid the regulatory
14 fee in January, on the 23rd we received it.

15 MR. CHI: \$600.

16 JUDGE TOREM: That was the penalty, but
17 there's a fee for I think by how many vehicles you
18 have.

19 MR. CHI: I just gave her my credit
20 card.

21 JUDGE TOREM: Do you remember what the
22 charge was?

23 MR. CHI: I cannot remember because I
24 don't know how much. When I found out later, when I
25 came back, I just gave her a call and I sent an e-mail

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1 to the inspector who inspect our vehicle. I just -- I
2 asked him what's going on and he told me you need to
3 call her right away.

4 JUDGE TOREM: Okay.

5 MR. CHI: And I left several messages to
6 her. Finally I got to talk to her and she told me how
7 much I owe. I said, Could you take my credit card and
8 just take the money because I don't want this to keep
9 going on.

10 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Fassio, is there a
11 Commission record that you could look to and --

12 MR. FASSIO: Yes, Mr. Perkinson might be
13 able to answer that question for you as to the
14 regulatory fees that were paid.

15 JUDGE TOREM: Do you have any other
16 questions for Mr. Chi?

17 MR. FASSIO: I do not.

18 JUDGE TOREM: For that limited item,
19 Mr. Perkinson, do you have a Commission record in
20 front of you?

21 MR. PERKINSON: I do.

22 JUDGE TOREM: I'm not going to swear you
23 in. If you could just read what the Commission record
24 says about that item.

25 MR. PERKINSON: It shows \$75 paid, plus

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1 \$1.50 was also paid.

2 JUDGE TOREM: Is that the interest on
3 the payment?

4 MR. PERKINSON: Right.

5 JUDGE TOREM: And that was paid on the
6 23rd?

7 MR. PERKINSON: The 17th for the \$75 and
8 \$1.50 was on January 23rd.

9 JUDGE TOREM: Thank you, Mr. Chi.

10 Mr. Fassio, do you have any testimony you want
11 to put on, or do you just want to break to consider
12 what Mr. Chi had to say and then come back and make
13 your position known?

14 MR. FASSIO: We submitted the
15 declaration of Mr. Perkinson and that can maybe
16 substitute for testimony in this case, if we want to
17 admit that --

18 JUDGE TOREM: Okay.

19 MR. FASSIO: -- as an exhibit into the
20 record.

21 JUDGE TOREM: You've got that in front
22 of me, so is that a motion to admit?

23 MR. FASSIO: It's a motion to admit.

24 JUDGE TOREM: All right.

25 Mr. Chi, what that means is I would consider

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1 these documents as the facts in this case, along with
2 your testimony today. Do you have any objection to me
3 considering this?

4 MR. CHI: No.

5 JUDGE TOREM: This exhibit that's marked
6 as MP-1 and all of its supporting exhibits is
7 admitted.

8 MR. FASSIO: If I could have just one
9 moment, Your Honor.

10 (Pause in the proceedings.)

11 JUDGE TOREM: Did you also want me to
12 consider the declaration of Lisa Wyse as --

13 MR. FASSIO: Yes, Your Honor.

14 JUDGE TOREM: -- authenticating these
15 documents?

16 MR. FASSIO: Yes, Your Honor. Thank
17 you.

18 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Chi, there's one more
19 piece of paper from the director of our records
20 center. This is a statement that she has reviewed
21 these documents and that they are the same as the ones
22 in the Commission's official record. Do you have any
23 objection to me considering that sworn statement?
24 It's this one here.

25 MR. CHI: (No verbal response.)

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1 JUDGE TOREM: It's a legal formality,
2 technically, that these documents are -- she has
3 looked at them.

4 MR. CHI: Oh, okay.

5 JUDGE TOREM: And the same documents
6 exist in the Commission's records.

7 MR. CHI: Okay.

8 JUDGE TOREM: So I'm going to admit
9 Ms. Wyse's declaration as well. That's all of the
10 documents that Commission Staff have for me.

11 Mr. Fassio, how would you like to proceed?

12 MR. FASSIO: If I could have just a
13 moment off the record, Your Honor. I would like to
14 just discuss with Staff before going back on the
15 record --

16 JUDGE TOREM: Okay.

17 MR. FASSIO: -- if there is anything
18 that Staff would like to add to the declaration that's
19 been submitted.

20 JUDGE TOREM: Okay.

21 Mr. Chi, we are going to take a couple of
22 minutes' break. It's now a little bit after two
23 o'clock. In about ten minutes, we will come back.

24 (A brief recess.)

25 JUDGE TOREM: Okay. We are ready to go

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1 back on the record. It's about 7 minutes after 2:00.

2 Mr. Fassio, did you get a chance to confer
3 with your staff?

4 MR. FASSIO: Yes, I did have a moment to
5 confer with Staff, Your Honor, and Staff has nothing
6 new -- no new information to present --

7 JUDGE TOREM: Okay.

8 MR. FASSIO: -- to the documents that
9 have already been submitted.

10 JUDGE TOREM: All right. Do you want to
11 state Staff's position after hearing Mr. Chi's
12 explanation today?

13 MR. FASSIO: Yes, Your Honor. I will
14 simply reiterate that Staff does not support further
15 mitigation in the penalty assessment in this docket.
16 The penalty was already administratively mitigated by
17 50 percent, from \$1,200 to \$600. Mr. Chi did not file
18 a 2012 annual safety report on time and he failed to
19 request an extension to avoid penalties.

20 JUDGE TOREM: I don't think there's
21 anything else that I need to do today on the record.
22 I will take the matter under advisement. The statute
23 about these kinds of hearings requires that I give you
24 a written decision in the next ten days. My
25 expectation is by the end of the week, I should have

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1 this written up. At the very latest, it should go out
2 in the mail on Monday, so you will know whether I'm
3 going to grant any further mitigation, and if so,
4 under any conditions.

5 And for Staff, you will know if I'm going to
6 uphold the \$600 that's already been paid. This case,
7 this is the first time I think we've dealt with
8 somebody who has prepaid a penalty.

9 And if there's going to be a refund issued to
10 you, Mr. Chi, then it will be indicated in the letter.
11 If there's not, then the \$600 is already paid.

12 MR. CHI: Your Honor, I have one point.
13 Money is not an issue to me. The issue is I want to
14 have this opportunity to present myself, my feeling,
15 and the fact at that moment to the WUTC, because in
16 the future we still have to keep in contact. I
17 need -- as far as our vehicle has been limited as a
18 commercial vehicle, I'm pretty sure I will have lots
19 and lots of questions in the learning process with the
20 WUTC. Maybe not me, but I have to find somebody to
21 take care of this issue in the future, because just
22 one guy cannot take care of everything.

23 JUDGE TOREM: I understand. All right.

24 I have admitted the exhibits and I have heard
25 both sides' positions. I think we are ready to close

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1 and go off the record. I want you to stick around for
2 just a minute, Mr. Chi, and the rest of Staff that's
3 here today.

4 Anything else for me with the court reporter?

5 MR. CHI: No, I think I'm pretty much...

6 JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Fassio, anything else?

7 MR. FASSIO: No.

8 JUDGE TOREM: We are adjourned. It's 10
9 minutes after 2:00. We are off the record.

10 (Hearing concluded 2:10 p.m.)

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