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RE: Penalty Assessment for Chipman Moving and Storage, Inc., Docket TV-061927

Honorable Theodora M. Mace,

I am in receipt of the Notice of Bench Request dated March 7, 2007. This letter was sent in response to your receipt of our \$1,000 penalty assessment from our Compliance Review completed by Leon Macomber, MCLE Special Investigator.

Upon receipt of the penalty assessment we were given 15 days to respond. I returned our response with a request for mitigation but requesting only an administrative review. This in hopes that I could make one last attempt in getting forgiveness for our penalty due to a lack of knowledge of Washington State laws regarding the compliance issue we were penalized for. On February 2, 2007, the Administrative review for mitigation was completed by Assistant Attorney General Michael A. Fassio.

The conclusion of this review was that the fines could not be mitigated, as ignorance is not a valid defense. Because we received this review in response to our request, I was under the impression that our request for mitigation was complete. Therefore, there was not a need to withdraw our request. If there is still a requirement to officially withdraw our request for mitigation, then consider this letter our official request for withdrawal. Also when I received this response, I immediately requested that our office send the originally assessed amount to the court assuming that we would have a similar 15-day period to comply as was previously offered.

If there is something more I need to do to finalize this process, please let me know. I was under the impression that this issue was complete and with your receipt of our fines we have complied with the penalty assessment as required.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Suth
VP/GM – Chipman Moving and Storage, Inc.



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March 7, 2007

NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Responses due March 19, 2007)

RE: *In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment against Chipman Moving and Storage, Inc.*, Docket TV-061927

TO ALL PARTIES:

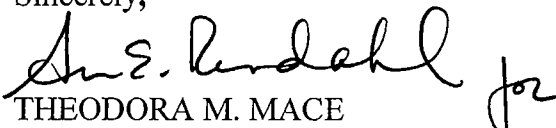
On January 30, 2007, Chipman Moving and Storage, Inc. (Chipman) filed a request for mitigation of a \$1,000 penalty assessed by the Commission for violations of the Commission's motor carrier safety rules.

On February 22, 2007, Chipman paid the assessed penalty in full but did not withdraw its request for mitigation of the penalty.

Because Chipman did not withdraw its request for mitigation, the Commission must determine whether any mitigation of the penalty is appropriate. To assist in this determination, the Commission requests the parties to provide information about Chipman's recent history in abiding by the Commission's safety rules.

NOTICE: The parties should provide information regarding Chipman's compliance or lack of compliance with the Commission's motor carrier safety rules over the last three years. Responses are due on or before March 19, 2007.

Sincerely,


THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge

