Service Date: August 16, 2022

# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against **DOCKET TE-190932** 

VICKY SANDHU D/B/A SEATTLE TOP CLASS LIMO.

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in the amount of \$3,800

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against

**DOCKET TE-220239** 

VICKY SANDHU D/B/A SEATTLE TOP CLASS LIMO; ALISHA LIMOUSINE SERVICE; SEATTLE PARTY BUS

ORDER 02

In the Amount of \$5,400

GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

#### **BACKGROUND**

- On November 20, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$3,800 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Vicky Sandhu d/b/a Seattle Top Class Limo (Seattle Top Class Limo or Company) in Docket TE-190932 for 24 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-191, which adopts by reference sections of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations.
- On March 16, 2020, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation, in Part; Imposing and Suspending Penalty (Order 01). Order 01 assessed a \$3,050 penalty against Seattle Top Class Limo and suspended \$2,500 of the penalty for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions: (1) Seattle Top Class Limo must pay the \$550 portion of the penalty that is not suspended within 10 days of the effective date of the Order; and (2) the Company may not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations upon reinspection.
- On April 26, 2022, the Commission assessed a \$5,400 penalty (2<sup>nd</sup> Penalty Assessment) against Seattle Top Class Limo in Docket TE-220239 for further violations of WAC 480-30-221.

- 4 On May 2, 2022, Seattle Top Class Limo filed a response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penalty Assessment admitting the violations and requesting mitigation of the penalty amount.
- On May 6, 2022, the Commission issued a letter in Docket TE-190932, imposing the portion of the penalty that was suspended in that docket for one of the violations found upon reinspection that resulted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penalty Assessment.
- On July 15, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01, Denying Mitigation; Imposing and Suspending Penalty in Docket TE-220239, suspending a \$1,500 portion of the penalty and imposing the remaining \$3,900.
- On July 29, 2022, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the combined penalties from Dockets TE-190932 and TE-220239 in 11 monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	September 1, 2022	\$1,400
2	October 3, 2022	\$500
3	November 1, 2022	\$500
4	December 1, 2022	\$500
5	January 2, 2023	\$500
6	February 1, 2023	\$500
7	March 1, 2023	\$500
8	April 3, 2023	\$500
9	May 1, 2023	\$500
10	June 1, 2023	\$500
11	July 3, 2023	\$500

Staff also proposes that if Seattle Top Class Limo fails to pay any installment by the due date, the entire balance, including the suspended penalty, will become due and payable immediately.

## **DISCUSSION**

The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable.

Accordingly, the Commission approves the proposal, with one modification. Seattle Top Class Limo may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount

will relieve the Company of its obligation to make its timely monthly installment until the full amount of \$6,400 is satisfied.

#### **ORDER**

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 10 (1) The \$6,400 combined penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 7, above.
- 11 (2) If Vicky Sandhu d/b/a Seattle Top Class Limo; Alisha Limousine Service; Seattle Party Bus, fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance, including the \$1,500 suspended portion of the penalty in Docket TE-220239, will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective August 16, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AMANDA MAXWELL
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.