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Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Wise Choice Movers, LLC*
Commission Staff Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties of Order 01
Docket TV-180287

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On July 6, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) entered Order 01 in Docket TV-180287 – Order Granting Mitigation; Suspending Penalty, In Part. The Order granted Wise Choice Movers, LLC's (Wise Choice Movers of Company) request for mitigation, assessed a penalty of \$11,950, and suspended a \$6,700 portion of the penalty subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Wise Choice Movers must pay the \$5,250 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or file jointly with Staff a proposed payment arrangement within 20 days of the effective date of this Order; and
- (2) Wise Choice Movers may not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations.

Order 01 instructed staff to conduct a follow-up review of Wise Choice Movers two years after the effective date of the Order.

On August 6, 2018, the Company paid the \$5,250 non-suspended portion of the penalty in full.

On July 14, 2020, staff began the follow-up review as required in Order 01. During the course of the follow-up review, staff identified 46 repeat violations of a critical regulation. Wise Choice Movers allowed three drivers to operate a commercial motor vehicle on 46 occasions while not medically examined and certified.

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Staff finds that Wise Choice Movers failed to satisfy each requirement of Order 01 by receiving a repeat violations of a critical regulation and recommends that the \$6,700 suspended penalty be imposed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety at Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov or at (360) 701-1603.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathy Hunter
Director, Transportation Safety