

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against	DOCKET TE-190751
SEATTLE TRAVEL SERVICE, LLC	ORDER 02
in the amount of \$14,400	GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 18, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$14,400 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Seattle Travel Service, LLC, (Seattle Travel or Company) for 249 acute and critical violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221, which adopts by reference Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.).
- 2 On September 23, 2019, Seattle Travel responded to the Penalty Assessment admitting the violations and requesting mitigation of the penalty, and on September 30, 2019, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response.
- 3 On October 9, 2019, the Commission entered Order 01, Granting Mitigation to \$7,250 (Order 01). Order 01 reduced the penalty to \$7,250 and suspended a \$3,625 portion of the penalty for two years, subject to the conditions that (1) Seattle Travel must either pay the \$3,625 portion of the penalty that is not suspended or file jointly with Staff a proposed payment arrangement within 10 days of the effective date of Order 01; and (2) Seattle travel may not incur any repeat violations upon reinspection.
- 4 On October 14, 2019, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in six monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

Installment	Due Date	Amount
1	October 25, 2019	\$625
2	November 25, 2019	\$600
3	December 30, 2019	\$600
4	January 27, 2020	\$600

5	February 25, 2020	\$600
6	March 25, 2020	\$600

5 Staff also proposes that if Seattle Travel misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately.

DISCUSSION

6 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. Seattle Travel 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 \$3,625 is satisfied.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) The \$3,625 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 4, above.
- 8 (2) If Seattle Travel Service, LLC, fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance, as well as the \$3,625 suspended portion of the penalty, will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 9 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 October 21, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON
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.