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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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RE: *In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of and Complaint for Penalties against Black Tie Limousines, Inc. d/b/a Black Tie Wine Tours, Black Tie, Black Tie Transportation, and Walla Walla Wine Tours*
Docket TE-190303

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the response provided by Black Tie Wine Tours (Company). While the Company is now licensed as a limousine carrier through the Washington Department of Licensing (DOL), Staff maintains that the Company: (1) stipulated to the conditions in Order 02 in this docket; (2) testified it would operate as a limousine carrier through DOL to be exempt from the Commission's regulation; (3) was not licensed as either a for-hire or limousine carrier through DOL when it offered Staff transportation service; and (4) operated as charter party and excursion service carrier without authority from the Commission. Staff sustains its recommendation that the Commission should impose the penalty suspended in Docket TE-190303.

Sincerely,

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