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December 15, 2017

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Beeline Tours, Ltd. d/b/a Seattle Express v. Puget Express, LLC Commission Staff's Response to Proposed Payment Schedule Docket TC-170824

Dear Mr. King:

On November 28, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Order 01 in docket TC-170824 which assessed a penalty of \$3,000 against Puget Express, LLC (Puget Express) for violations of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 81.04.380, RCW 81.68.020, and RCW 81.68.040.

On December 7, 2017, Isaiah Fikre, operations manager for Puget Express, emailed the Commission to propose a payment schedule consisting of 30 \$100 monthly payments, beginning in February 2018. Staff corresponded with Mr Fikre, who subsequently modified his proposal to 15 \$200 monthly payments.

Staff supports the payment plan proposed by Mr. Fikre on behalf of Puget Express, under the following conditions:

- 1. The company will make fifteen monthly installments of \$200, for a total of \$3,000.
- 2. Each payment will be due and payable on or about the third Monday of each month, excluding holidays, beginning January 22, 2018.
- 3. If the company fails to pay any installment by the due date, or fails to pay at least the minimum amount due, the entire remaining balance of payments will become immediately due and payable.

The proposed payment scheduled is depicted below:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mike Turcott, Compliance Investigations Supervisor, Consumer Protection, at 360-664-1174, or by e-mail at miturcot@utc.wa.gov.

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