

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Penalty Assessment
Against MONROE TRANSPORTATION
LTD, D/B/A CHINOOK CHARTER
SERVICE, in the amount of \$4,100

DOCKET NO. TE-061282

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE
TO CHINOOK CHARTER
SERVICE'S MITIGATION REQUEST
FILED OCTOBER 25, 2006

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(1)(c) and as set forth in Commission's letter to
counsel dated October 31, 2006, Commission Staff submits this response to Chinook
Charter Service's Statement of Reasons (Mitigation Request).

2 On July 28, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
(Commission) assessed a penalty of \$4,100 against Monroe Transportation Ltd, d/b/a/
Chinook Charter Service, (Chinook Charter) for violating Commission rules regarding
driver requirements and vehicle safety. Chinook Charter initially requested a hearing, which
Commission Staff (Staff) did not oppose. Subsequently, on October 25, 2006, Chinook
Charter filed a mitigation request with the Commission and apparently withdrew its request
for hearing.

3 For the reasons set forth in the attached declaration of Alan R. Dickson, Staff
supports mitigation of the \$100 penalty associated with the flat tire violation but opposes
mitigation of the penalties associated with any of the other violations.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB MCKENNA
Attorney General

JENNIFER CAMERON-RULKOWSKI
Assistant Attorney General
Counsel for Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission