

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Kathy Hunter, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Smooth Moves LLC Commission Staff Recommendation to Waive Suspended Penalties of Order 01 Dockets TV-210861 and TV-210862 (Consolidated)

Dear Ms. Hunter:

On December 30, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01 (Order) in Dockets TV-210861 and TV-210862 (Consolidated). The Order approved Smooth Moves LLC's (Smooth Moves or Company) safety management plan and upgraded the Company's safety rating to conditional. The Order further assessed a \$8,100 penalty against Smooth Moves and suspended a \$5,500 portion of the assessed penalty for a period of two years, and then waived, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Smooth Moves must maintain a conditional safety rating;
- b) Commission staff (Staff) must conduct a follow-up investigation at least six months from the date of the Order;
- c) Smooth Moves may not incur any repeat acute or critical violations of WAC 480-15 upon re-inspection; and
- d) The Company pays the \$2,600 portion of the penalty that is not suspended.

On August 4, 2022, Staff completed the required follow-up investigation. Smooth Moves achieved a satisfactory safety rating and did not receive any repeat acute or critical violations.

On December 7, 2022, the Company paid the \$2,600 portion of the penalty that was not suspended.

Staff finds that Smooth Moves satisfied the conditions of the Order and recommends that the \$5,500 suspended penalty be waived.

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

Sincerely,

JASON SHARP Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety