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October 28, 2022

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

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Wise Choice Movers, LLC Commission Staff Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalties of Order 03/01 Dockets TV-180287 and TV-200711 (Consolidated)

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

On September 11, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 03/01, Consolidating Dockets; Imposing and Suspending Penalties Subject to Conditions in Dockets TV-180287 and TV-200711 (Consolidated). The Order granted Wise Choice Movers, LLC's (Wise Choice Movers of Company) request for mitigation, in part, assessed a penalty of \$9,350, and suspended a \$8,150 portion of the penalty for two years, and then waived, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Wise Choice Movers may not incur any repeat violations of critical regulations;
- (2) Wise Choice Movers must pay the \$1,200 portion of the penalty that is not suspended in 12 monthly installments of \$100 each beginning October 1, 2020, and
- (3) Commission staff (Staff) will conduct a follow-up safety investigation in two years to review Wise Choice Movers safety management practices.

On September 13, 2021, the Company paid the \$1,200 non-suspended portion of the penalty in full.

On October 20, 2022, Staff completed the follow-up safety investigation as required in Order 03/01. During the investigation, Staff identified repeat critical violations. The repeat violations are documented as follows:

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• Ninety violations of 49 C.F.R. § 395.8(a)(1) – Failing to require driver to make a record of duty status.

Staff finds that Wise Choice Movers failed to satisfy each requirement of Order 03/01 by receiving repeat violations of critical regulations and recommends that the Commission impose the \$8,150 suspended penalty.

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,

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