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RE: *In the Matter of the Investigation of Rocket Transportation, LLC, for Compliance with WAC 480-30-221 and the Penalty Assessment against Rocket Transportation, LLC, in the Amount of \$7,000,*
Dockets TC-171022 and TC-171023 (Consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 18, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Intent to Cancel Certificate as an Auto Transportation Carrier and Notice of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding; Setting Time for Oral Statements In the Matter of the Investigation of Rocket Transportation, LLC, (Rocket Transportation or Company) for Compliance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221 in Docket TC-171023 (Notice of Intent to Cancel).

Also on October 18, 2017, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$7,000 in Docket TC-171022 against Rocket Transportation for 71 violations of WAC 480-30-221, which adopts by reference 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 391.45(a) related to driver medical examination and certification, and 49 C.F.R. § 391.51(b)(7) related to driver qualification file requirements.

On November 27, 2017, the Commission entered Order 01, Order of Consolidation; Order Upgrading Safety Rating; Order Imposing and Suspending Penalties (Order 01). Order 01 assessed a \$3,500 penalty against Rocket Transportation, a \$1,750 portion of which was suspended for two years conditioned on the Company (1) maintaining a conditional safety rating, (2) refraining from incurring repeat critical violations of Title 49 C.F.R., and (3) paying the \$1,750 portion of the penalty that was not suspended within 10 days of the effective date of Order 01.

On January 5, 2018, the Commission entered Order 02, Granting Payment Arrangement (Order 02). Order 02 required Rocket Transportation to pay the remaining \$1,750 in seven

monthly installments, concluding in July 2018. On June 25, 2018, the Commission's Financial Services Division reported that the unsuspended portion of the penalty had been paid in full.

On October 29, 2019, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter in this docket informing the Commission that Staff performed a follow-up safety investigation of Rocket Transportation and documented repeat violations of Title 49 C.F.R. Staff recommends that because the Company failed to comply with the conditions of Order 01, the Commission should impose the suspended portion of the penalty.

Due to Rocket Transportation's failure to comply with the terms of Order 01, the \$1,750 outstanding balance of the penalty is now due and payable.

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Executive Director and Secretary