

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PENALTY ASSESSMENT TN-141050

PLEASE NOTE: You must complete and sign this document, and send it to the Commission within 15 days after you receive the penalty assessment. Use additional paper if needed.

I have read and understand RCW 9A.72.020 (printed below), which states that making false statements under oath is a class B felony. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below and I have personal knowledge of those matters. I hereby make, under oath, the following statements.

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[] 1. Payment of penalty. I admit that the violations occurred. I have:

[] Enclosed \$ _____ in payment of the penalty

[] Submitted my payment of \$ _____ online at www.utc.wa.gov. My confirmation number is _____.

[] 2. Request for a hearing. I believe that one or more of the alleged violations did not occur, for the reasons I describe below, and I request a hearing based on those reasons, for a decision by an administrative law judge:

[x] 3. Application for mitigation. I admit the violations, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reasons set out below:

[] a) I ask for a hearing to present evidence on the information I provide above to an administrative law judge for a decision

OR [x] b) I ask for a Commission decision based solely on the information I provide above:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing, including information I have presented on any attachments, is true and correct.

Dated: 6-15-14 [month/day/year], at (Edgewood) Puyallup, WA [city, state]

American Patriot Coach LLC
Name of Respondent (company) - please print

Kimberly C. Ramsey
Signature of Applicant

RCW 9A.72.020:

"Perjury in the first degree. (1) A person is guilty of perjury in the first degree if in any official proceeding he makes a materially false statement which he knows to be false under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the actor's mistaken belief that his statement was not material is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. (3) Perjury in the first degree is a class B felony."

American Patriot Coach LLC
1419 105th Ave. Ct. E.
Edgewood, WA 98372

June 15, 2014

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Post Office Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Dear Mr. Kopta or Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request mitigation in the penalty of \$1000 American Patriot Coach was assessed for not filing an Annual Report by May 1, 2014.

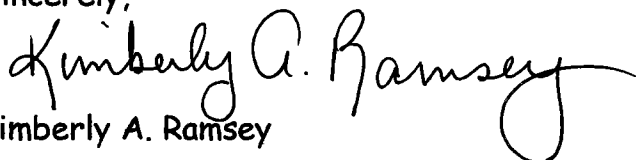
It was a mistake/accident that it didn't get filed and when I received the document stating we were in violation, I was stunned. I thought I had done all the paperwork. Looking back now, I realize I made the mistake because of the change in filing dates. I know this is a change from the past when this was due earlier in the year. I filled out those forms and sent them in and prepared these forms as well. So in my memory, I had done it. But in reality, I had only prepared it for the new deadline.

I deeply apologize for this. We are a small bus company. We only operate one bus and my husband and I are the only employees. I work full time as a teacher as well. We have been operating for over 10 years and have passed every safety inspection WUTC and FMCSA has done on our company. We have always had the highest rating in our Safety Profile. I am in contact with your commission every time I have a question because being in compliance is extremely important to us. Before we ever drove our first job, I met several times with Tom McVaugh to learn how to run our company with the highest safety standards possible. Each time after meeting with him, I would come away with notes and ways to improve our company. After each safety inspection and compliance meeting, I would learn new things and implement them on the advice of your commission officers. Ray Gardner was especially helpful when working with me in past years.

I am asking that you either forgive us this penalty this time or at least reduce it. I understand I didn't follow the law. I hope you will understand that it wasn't intentional and that we are a very law abiding company.

Thank you for considering my request. By the way, the post office didn't have me sign for your documents. I found them in my mailbox with the signature card when I checked the mail on May 31, 2014. I have enclosed the card in this letter so you can see they didn't follow post office protocol.

Sincerely,


Kimberly A. Ramsey