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WA Utilities & Transportation Commission
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

We filed and remitted our annual report fees and received a penalty assessment, TE-160717, regarding which we herein apply for mitigation.

Our company is relatively new and due to the time of our certification (auto transportation in *mid* 2014 and charter and excursions in 2015) has only been required to complete one annual report before this one. Your records will show that we preemptively attempted to file our first report the first week of January, 2015 - an intuitively expected calendar year due date for most annual reporting (taxes, eoy financial statements, etc). We learned from you that our *first* report was not due until May 2015 and then submitted and paid our 2014 annual fees in a timely fashion.

It seems we still misunderstood due dates, thinking this year that the reporting was in keeping with our individual time of certification, and thus we would report annually at the end of may, another year end anniversary of our certification. We submitted our report the first week of June, thinking that we were on time. Had we read the report form itself when it arrived, we would have realized that the date is standard: applies to *all* certified carriers and falls due at the beginning of each May.

We were shocked by the severity of the penalty and can assure you that we completely understand the seriousness of the due date and will never again fail to comply well in advance of the deadline. We also use the newness of our certification as the basis to apply for mitigation (pray for complete waiving) of the \$1000 amount levied as it would be most detrimental to a business still trying to get on its feet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joel Kronenberg,
President

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PENALTY ASSESSMENT TE-160717

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.

[] 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: 6-23-16 [month/day/year], at Bellingham, WA [city, state]

Joel Kronenberg
Name of Respondent (company) - please print

[Signature]
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."

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