WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PENALTY ASSESSMENT TE-130214

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 \$75 as payment of the penalty. [] Submitted my payment of \$75 online at <u>www.utc.wa.gov</u>. My confirmation number [] 2. Request for a hearing. I believe that one or more of the alleged violations did not occur, based on the following information, and request a hearing, which is a process that allows an affected person to present argument to an administrative law judge for a decision by an administrative law judge: Application for mitigation. I admit the violations, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reason(s) set out below. See Attache [] a) I ask for a hearing for a decision by an administrative law judge based on the information presented above. (b) I waive a hearing and ask for an administrative decision on the information I present directly 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: 3 10 13 [month/day/year], at John [city, state] Name of Respondent (company) – please print

Signature of Applic

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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I knowledge that the regulatory report and fee's were an oversight by myself. I received a notice on January 10 2013 that they had not been filed and that penalties would start January 7th 2013, three days prior to me receiving the notice. There was no email correspondence or mailings giving any warning of the late charges before January 7th 2013. I do not feel this is a fair practice to mail a late fee assessment the day after the penalties have started being charged.

I made immediate contact with the UTC of my error and resolved it immediately that day. I went thru the paper work that was sent, filled out the fees and penalty fee section of the report. Neither the papers sent nor the RCW 81.70.350 state any additional late fee charges. I read nowhere from the RCW or papers about this extremely harmful \$100 or \$25 a day late fee.

I have been in business for 3 years and have never avoided any laws or requirements from the UTC, State, City, or Federal laws regulating my business. I have made numerous complaints to the UTC and Spokane Police enforcement about illegal operations here in the Spokane County and to no resolution. I'm doing my best to see a positive in all this, but I'm on the verge of closing my business because of illegal operators. I have made complaints both to the UTC and local enforcement, only to be told we are under staffed and under budget to properly investigate, but if we catch them we will surly take care of this matter. I have taken pictures and watched as these companies drive by enforcement with no attempt to check their legal status.

I compete with 3 buses and at least 4 stretched limo's that should be registered with the UTC, City, and Federal and be monitored under the same laws that I must operate by. Unfortunately this is not the case, as my buses sit; these companies are under cutting my prices and get my potential customers with lower prices. There is NO enforcement to these companies, NO safety inspections, NO driver checks, NO insurance, NO business licenses, and NO one with the time to put a STOP to this and keep the public safe.

I'm a very frustrated operator, I know this has nothing to do with the subject at hand, but it certainly questions why I go thru all this when in 3 years its clear there is NO one going to take the time to enforce the laws until something terrible occurs, like the little girl in Portland that fell from a bus window and killed. I for one would be devastated if this occurred with my buses because of poor safety checks. I'm thankful the requirements I'm forced to take by the commission to not only protect me but to protect the passengers and other citizens. I just ask that someone please take the time to show those of us that are legal some kind of respect and enforce the same laws to other operators.

Thank you for your time.

Travis Swift