

**BALLARD TERMINAL RAILROAD
EASTSIDE FREIGHT RAILROAD
MEEKER SOUTHERN RAILROAD**

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16 June 2014

TO: WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RE: PENALTY ASSESSMENT TR-141003

SIRS:

To the best of my knowledge, the initial 2013 WUTC annual report form for Meeker Southern Railroad (MSN) was not received by our parent company, BALLARD TERMINAL RAILROAD COMPANY, LLC. Had it been received, the report would have been filed for completion and payment by its due date as have been all previous WUTC requested reports from BTRC,LLC.

Unfortunately, the filing date for this report, and the absence of the required report form, were overlooked until the WUTC report form, sent by certified mail, was received.

Today, the completed form was delivered to the WUTC office in Olympia. As all operations at the Meeker Southern Railroad are interstate only, no payment was due the WUTC.


Byron Cole, General Manager
Ballard Terminal Railroad Co. LLC

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PENALTY ASSESSMENT TR-141003

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:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

[] 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: 6-16-2014 [month/day/year], at SEATTLE WA [city, state]

MEEKER SOUTHERN RAILROAD
Name of Respondent (company) - please print

Byron D Cole
Signature of Applicant
GENERAL MANAGER

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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DATE: 6-17-14 PAGES + COVER

TO: AMY ANDREWS @ WUTC

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Reference MEEKER SOUTHERN RAILROAD
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