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June 29, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Hearing TE-151068

Dear Mr. King:

On June 10, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-151068 against Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071), which requires charter and excursion carriers to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On June 8, 2015, Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC wrote the commission in response to TC-150981, requesting a hearing but does not dispute the violation occurred. Commission staff accept the response to TC-150981 as a response to TE-151068 as the company submits the annual report for both operating authorities within a single document. In its hearing request, the company states, "My own fault, but I put on my calendar due by 5/31/15 not 5/1/15. When I received the email saying I was late I got the paperwork done".

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 27, 2015, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated charter and excursion carriers. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

On June 5, 2015, Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC filed an incomplete 2014 annual report. The regulatory fees and late payment penalty were paid January 30, 2015. Commission staff contacted the company via email on June 8, 2015 regarding the deficient information including mileage data on Schedule 1, and vehicle listing discrepancy on Schedule 2. On June 25, 2015, the company responded via email with the deficient information. No prior violations of WAC

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480-30-071 are on commission record for the company's charter and excursion authority. Staff would be amenable to mitigating the penalty as this is the company's first delinquent filing for the charter and excursion operating authority. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$250.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or [aandrews@utc.wa.gov](mailto:aandrews@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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