

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

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**Subsidiaries of:**

**Ballard Terminal Railroad Company, LLC  
4725 Ballard Avenue NW  
Seattle, WA 98107**

**Office: (206) 782-1447 Fax: (206) 782-7724**

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia WA 98504-7250

Sirs:

On April 30, 2015, Ballard Terminal Railroad Company LLC separately certified mailed to the WUTC the annual reports and regulatory fees for the three shortline common carrier railroads that it owns and/or operates in Western Washington. These are Eastside Freight Railroad, Ballard Terminal Railroad and Meeker Southern Railroad.

The returned certified mail delivery receipt for the Eastside Freight Railroad was stamped as received on May 1, 2015. However, the receipts for Ballard Terminal Railroad and for Meeker Southern Railroad were stamped as being received on May 5, 2015. This was a 4 day difference in the received date for these two railroads when all three were certified mailed on April 30, 2015.

Enclosed please find a copy of the certified Mail receipt and its domestic return receipt for each of these mailings and our request for a hearing to resolve this issue.

*Byron D Cole*

Byron Cole, General Manager

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PENALTY ASSESSMENT TR-150960

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 on 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](http://www.utc.wa.gov). My confirmation number is \_\_\_\_\_.

[X] 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:

*Please see attached letter.*

[ ] 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 [ ] 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: May 28, 2015 [month/day/year], at Seattle WA [city, state]

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

Byron Cole  
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.”

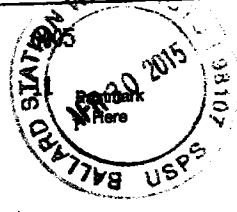
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1. Article Addressed to:  
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 Commission  
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 Olympia, WA 98504

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Signature X  Agent  Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name) MAY 05 2015 Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  No  
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3. Service Type  
 Certified Mail®  Priority Mail Express™  
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