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Honorable Gregory J. Kopta, ALJ  
Washington Utilities and Transportation  
Commission  
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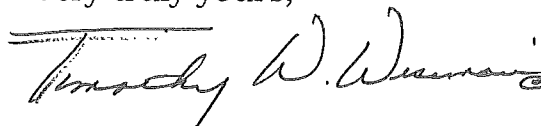
Re: Exploration Coach Lines LLC  
Penalty Assessment: TE-160697

Dear Judge Kopta:

This Firm represents Exploration Coach Lines LLC, which has asked me to respond to the Notice of Penalties issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") on June 21, 2016. Please see attached my client's response requesting a hearing in t his matter.

If you have any questions or need any further information to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Timothy W. Wiseman

TWW/kkc  
Enclosure  
cc: Ben Dolph

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PENALTY ASSESSMENT TE-160697

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](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:

*The company now operates as an interstate motor carrier of passengers under authority issued by the USDOT, FMCSA under MC-953972, and thus is no longer subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.*

[ ] 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: 6/27/16 [month/day/year], at Indianapolis, IN [city, state]

Exploration Coach Lines, LLC  
Name of Respondent (company) – please print

[Signature], attorney  
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.”