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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Michael W. Stowe*

 Staff’s Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment TE-160732

Dear Mr. King:

On June 22, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-160732 against Michael W. Stowe for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076), which requires charter and excursion carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year, except when May 1 is a weekend, in which case the annual report is due by the next business day. May 2 was the next business day.

The company submitted a annual report on May 2, 2015. Commission staff called the company on May 10 and May 11 and left a voice mail requesting additional information. Staff requested the company provide their business structure and to list the name, title, and ownership stake of the owners. Staff requested this information in error as the company clearly indicated that the company is owned by an individual and is a sole proprietor. As Michael W. Stowe timely filed its completed 2015 annual report on May 2, 2016, staff recommends that the assessed penalty be withdrawn and the docket closed.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or sbennett@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director

Administrative Services