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June 29, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Hearing TC-150981

Dear Mr. King:

On May 22, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TC-150981 against Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071), which requires auto transportation companies 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 requesting a hearing but does not dispute the violation occurred. 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 auto transportation companies. 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, paid the regulatory fees owed and partially paid the late payment penalty. Commission staff contacted the company via email on June 8, 2015 regarding the deficient information including mileage data on Schedule 1, and outstanding late payment penalty. On June 25, 2015, the company responded with the deficient information and paid the outstanding late payment

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penalty. Stars & Stripes Shuttle Service, LLC previously missed the deadline to file its annual report and pay regulatory fees for the 2012 reporting year. Due to the previous violation of WAC 480-30-071 and the company not presenting any compelling information, staff does not support any mitigation of the penalty.

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

Sincerely,



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