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July 13, 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. Rainier Shuttle Services, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-151042

Dear Mr. King:

On June 10, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-151042 against Rainier Shuttle Services, 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 17, 2015, Rainier Shuttle Services, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Rainier Shuttle Services, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company's response states, "We started the shuttle service but however we have not able to get any contracts to run the shuttle. We have no activity to report."

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 18, 2015, Rainier Shuttle Services, LLC filed a complete 2014 annual report. The company paid the required regulatory fees, late payment penalty and interest owed on June 18, 2015. Rainier Shuttle Services, LLC has been active since June 24, 2014. Staff supports mitigation of the penalty as this is the company's first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 for a total penalty assessment of \$250.

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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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