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March 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: TC-180199

Our company received a penalty for a defective window.

The window became defective when the inspector opened it because a pin on the window hinge dropped out. While we are not sure, it is possible that the pin was broken inside the hinge and therefore unknown. Our driver fixed the window temporarily.

The penalty assessment notice states that our bus was placed out of service. The bus was not placed out of service.

In fact, since there are dozens of emergency windows in the coach the inspector suggested that we place some tape over the sticker, that designated the window as an emergency window, until our mechanic could install a new part. Our driver over-labeled the sticker temporarily and we were allowed to carry on. There was no deterioration of safety to our passengers.

Our company prides itself in running safe vehicles and tight operations and so the notion of the Commission thinking that we had an out of service vehicle is very concerning.

Would you update your records please and consider removing the penalty

Sincerely



Richard Johnson  
President

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**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
PENALTY ASSESSMENT TC-180199

**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 violation occurred and enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the penalty.
2. **Contest the violation.** I believe that the alleged violation did not occur for the reasons I describe below (if you do not include reasons supporting your contest here, your request will be denied):
- 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.
3. **Application for mitigation.** I admit the violation, but I believe that the penalty should be reduced for the reasons set out below (if you do not include reasons supporting your application here, your request will be denied):
- 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: 3/20/2018 [month/day/year], at Ferndale, WA [city, state]

Wickkiser International  
Name of Respondent (company) – please print

R Johnson  
Signature of Applicant