BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against WESTERN VAN LINES, INC., in the Amount of \$100

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO WESTERN VAN LINES' REQUEST FOR HEARING

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(1)(c), Commission Staff submits this response to Western Van Lines' Request for Hearing.

On July 5, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty of \$100 against Western Van Lines, Inc. (Western) for violating WAC 480-15-480. Western filed a Request for Hearing on July 10, 2006. While Staff does not oppose the company's Request for Hearing, Staff disputes the argument made by Western in support of the company's contention that the alleged violation did not occur. Staff's reasoning is set forth in the attached declaration of Sheri Hoyt.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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