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Rayne Pearson, Administrative Law Judge Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE:

In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for

Penalties against: Blessed Limousine, Inc.

Docket TE-151667

Dear Judge Pearson:

On February 3, 2016, the Commission issued Order 04 in this docket, granting the Company's request for payment arrangement, subject to certain conditions.

In Order 04, the Commission ordered that the Company would be permitted to "pay the \$4,000 portion of the penalty that has not been suspended in 20 consecutive monthly installments of a minimum of \$200 per month, each of which is due and payable no later than the 5th day of each month beginning February 5, 2016."

It also ordered that

[i]f Blessed Limousine, Inc., fails to pay any installment by the due date, or fails to pay at least the minimum amount of \$200 by the due date, the entire remaining balance of payments and the entire suspended portion of the penalty [equal to \$6,000] will become immediately due and payable without further Commission order.²

Blessed Limousine, Inc. has failed to make any payment to the Commission towards its unsuspended \$4,000 penalty since the issuance of Order 04. By the date of this letter, the Company has missed two consecutive monthly payments: the first was due on February 05, 2016; and, the second was due on March 05, 2016.

¹ Docket TE-151667, Order 04, Order Granting Request For Payment Arrangement (February 3, 2016), ¶ 9.

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id.* at ¶ 11.

The Company has failed to meet the conditions on which the Commission permitted it to pay in installments. As a result, in accordance with Order 04, Staff believes it is appropriate to send the full penalty amount (both the suspended and unsuspended portions) of \$10,000 to the Commission's Financial Services for collection of the Company's nonpayment.

Tangentially, this circumstance arises concurrently with Staff's consideration of Blessed Limousine, Inc.'s application for authority to operate as a Charter Party and Excursion Carrier. Staff will not recommend approval of the Company's application while it has an unpaid, outstanding penalty amount.

Staff does not believe that any additional process is necessary as a result of the language in Order 04. It is Staff's understanding that the Commission will forward a notice of nonpayment to its Financial Services for collection of the Company's nonpayment.

Sincerely,

ANDREW J. O'CONNELL Assistant Attorney General

AJO:emd cc: Parties