August 2, 2012

David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Quick Move Transport, LLC*

Commission Staff’s Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties

Docket TV-120942

Dear Mr. Danner:

On July 24, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $250 Mitigated Penalty Assessment in docket TV-120942 against Quick Move Transport, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-480, which requires permitted household goods carriers to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On July 30, 2012[[1]](#footnote-1), Quick Move Transport, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties (Mitigation Request). In its Mitigation Request, Quick Move Transport, LLC does not dispute that the violation occurred. The company states, “Last April, I checked the UTC website and thought I saw the annual report due date as May 15th. When submitting the report on the 15th, I became aware of the actual may 1st deadline. It was an incident caused by a simple mistake, and one that will not happen again.”

It is the company’s responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee and the annual report are filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 29, 2012, Annual Report forms and Regulatory Fee packets were mailed to all regulated household goods carriers. On May 15, 2012, the commission mailed a letter to those companies that had not yet filed an annual report notifying them that, to date, they had incurred a penalty of $900. The letter went on to explain that companies who filed their annual reports no later than May 25, 2012, would receive mitigated penalties of $25 per day, with an additional $25 per day for each instance in the previous five years that the company received a penalty for filing a late report.

Quick Move Transport, LLC filed its annual report on May 15, 2012, which is 10 business days past the deadline of May 1, 2012. The penalty was mitigated from $100 per day to $25 per day for a total of $250. Quick Move Transport, LLC became regulated in April 2009 and has never received a penalty for filing a delinquent annual report.

Staff supports mitigating the assessed penalty further, from $250 to $125, which represents a 50 percent reduction because this is Quick Move Transport’s first late filing.

If you have any questions, please contact Mathew Perkinson, Compliance Investigator, at (360) 664-1105, or at Mperkinson@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Consumer Protection and Communications



1. See attachment for Quick Move Transfer, LLC Mitigation Request. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)