

**STATE OF WASHINGTON**

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 7, 2014

**NOTICE DENYING REQUEST FOR HEARING**

**AND**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT REASON(S) IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION**

**(By Monday, July 14, 2014)**

RE: Bens Moving & Delivery Services, Inc., Request for Mitigation of Penalty Assessment, Docket TV-140944

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 4, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served Penalty Assessment TV-140944 against Bens Moving & Delivery Services, Inc. (Bens Moving or Company) in the amount of $1,000, alleging a violation of WAC 480-15-480, which requires permitted household goods companies to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year and pay regulatory fees annually on that date.

On June 12, 2014, Bens Moving filed with the Commission a request for hearing on the form provided by the Commission. Bens Moving checked the box on that form indicating that the Company believes that one or more of the violations did not occur for which penalties were assessed. The form, however, conditions the opportunity for hearing on Bens Moving providing a written statement of the reasons the Company believes the alleged violation did not occur. Because Bens Moving failed to provide a basis for its request for a hearing, the Commission denies that request. The Commission nevertheless will consider the Company’s request for mitigation of the assessed penalty on the basis of a written submission of the reasons supporting such mitigation if the Commission receives that submission no later than one week from the date of this Notice.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That Bens Moving’s request for hearing is denied.**

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Commission will consider Bens Moving’s request for mitigation provided the Company files a written statement of the reason(s) in support of its request by 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2014.**

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