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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Budget Moving, Inc.*

 Commission Staff’s Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-140946

Dear Mr. King:

On June 4, 2014, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-140946 against Budget Moving, Inc. for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15-480, which requires household goods carrier companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.1

On June 18, 2014, Budget Moving, Inc. submitted to the commission a signed application requesting mitigation of penalties (Mitigation Request).2 In its Mitigation Request, Budget Moving, Inc. did not provide a written statement of the reasons supporting the request.

It is the company’s responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 28, 2014, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household goods companies. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2014, to avoid enforcement action.

On June 20, 2014, Budget Moving, Inc. filed the 2013 annual report and paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty. The company has been active since August 18, 2005. No previous violations of WAC 480-15-480 are on commission record. Staff does not support

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the company’s request for mitigation as no written statement was provided for consideration as required.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or aandrews@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director

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ATTACHMENT A







ATTACHMENT B

