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June 10, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. MVP Moving

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-150924

Dear Mr. King:

On June 1, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-150924 against MVP Moving 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.

On June 2, 2015, MVP Moving wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, MVP Moving does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "We never received the packet in the mail. We are a new small company, and organization is our top priority, as we have learned in this instance. I have the report started and will be completed and mailed out by 6/2/15".

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 27, 2015, 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, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

On June 5, 2015, MVP Moving filed the 2014 annual report and paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty. The company has been active since April 18, 2014. The company attended the commission's November 12, 2014 household goods training, at which, the annual report requirement was reviewed. Company representatives, Jason Garcia and Jeremy Fung signed the training document acknowledging training was received. Staff supports the

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company's request for mitigation as this is the company's first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 per day resulting in a total penalty assessment of \$250.

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

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Sincerely,

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