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June 8, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Greater Maple Valley Community Center*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TN-150985

Dear Mr. King:

On May 21, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TN-150985 against Greater Maple Valley Community Center for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-080), which nonprofit special needs transportation provider companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On May 29, 2015, Greater Maple Valley Community Center wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Greater Maple Valley Community Center does not dispute the violation occurred. The company provided information regarding a reduction in services due a reduction in funding. The company states, "This action resulting in a layoff of four staff positions, including our SRS Coordinator who normally processed our WUTC Annual Report and regulatory fees".

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 nonprofit special needs transportation provider 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.

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On May 27, 2015, Greater Maple Valley Community Center filed the 2014 annual report and paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty. The company has been active since September 29, 2011. No prior violations of WAC 480-30-080 are on commission record. Staff supports the 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.

Sincerely,



Sondra Walsh, Director
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