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July 8, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. A Blackstone Limousine, Inc.*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Hearing TE-150993

Dear Mr. King:

On June 8, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-150993 against A Blackstone Limousine, Inc. for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071), which requires charter and excursion carriers to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

On July 6, 2015, A Blackstone Limousine, Inc. wrote the commission requesting a hearing disputing the violation occurred. The company response states, "The delinquency of my response should not be construed as negligence of the desire to remit payment and compliance".

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 charter and excursion carriers. 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 May 27, 2015, A Blackstone Limousine, Inc. filed a complete 2014 annual report. The regulatory fees, late payment penalty and interest were paid on February 5, 2015. A Blackstone Limousine, Inc. previously missed the deadline to file its annual report and pay regulatory fees during the 2013 reporting year. Mitigation was granted for the 2013 penalty assessment. The company has been active since 2010. Staff does not support the company's request for mitigation due to the prior violations of WAC 480-30-071 and the company not providing any new and compelling information.

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

Sincerely,



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