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June 30, 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. A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc.*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-150994

Dear Mr. King:

On June 8, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$900 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-150994 against A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. for 9 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 June 23, 2015, A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. does not dispute the violation occurred. The company's response states, "I was not aware there were two separate items. Pay by December 31st and then filing the report by May 1. I thought all was completed when we submitted our payment in December".

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 14, 2015, A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. filed a complete annual report. The company paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty on January 16, 2015. A Crystal Coach Limousine Service, Inc. has been active since 2011. No prior violations of WAC 480-30-071 are on commission record. Staff supports mitigation of the penalty as this is the company's first delinquent filing. Staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 for a total penalty assessment of \$225.

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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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