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June 30, 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. Meixi Travel, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-151033

Dear Mr. King:

On June 9, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-151033 against Meixi Travel, LLC 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 June 25, 2015, Meixi Travel, LLC submitted to the commission a signed application requesting mitigation of penalties. In its Mitigation Request, Meixi Travel, LLC 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 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 June 24, 2015, Meixi Travel, LLC filed an incomplete annual report. The company paid the required regulatory fees and late payment penalty on January 16, 2015. Commission staff contacted the company on June 24, 2015 via email to notify the company of the deficient information. Meixi Travel, LLC has been active since 2011. No prior violations of WAC 480-30-071 are on commission record. Staff does not support the company's request for mitigation as no written statement was provided for consideration as required.

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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](mailto:aandrews@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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