



STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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July 15, 2016

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. Coastal Transport, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TE-160691

Dear Mr. King:

On June 20, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-160691 against Coastal Transport, LLC for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076), which requires charter and excursion companies to furnish annual reports and the regulatory fee to the commission no later than May 1 each year, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday.

On July 5, 2016, Coastal Transport, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Coastal Transport, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "...I honestly thought that the renewal was due May 31<sup>st</sup>. We also were not renewed on our insurance until May 13. The insurance office did not provide information to the state in a timely manner making the delay longer."

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 29, 2016, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated charter and excursion companies. The instructions page informs the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form and pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 2, 2016, to avoid enforcement action.

On May 27, 2016, Coastal Transport, LLC provided a complete annual report. Coastal Transport, LLC has been active since 2008 and has no previous violations of WAC 480-30-071 and 480-30-076. Due to the company's prior compliance, staff supports the company's request for mitigation and recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$250.

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If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or [sbennett@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sbennett@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sondra Walsh" followed by "for S.W." in a cursive style.

Sondra Walsh, Director  
Administrative Services