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Response to Notice of Penalties

Penalty Assessment: TR-170553

## To Whom It May Concern,

We respectfully request abatement of the penalty assessed to Ballard Terminal Railroad Company related to the late filing of the 2016 WAUTC return. We never received any paper returns to be prepared for 2016 nor any email notification. It appears you had an out of date email address (Byron Cole the previous General Manager) and thus we were not made aware of the ability to access the 2016 return template online. We have since filed the 2016 return and paid the applicable regulatory fee plus interest, and kindly ask that the penalty be reduced/abated. For a small business like ours, this fine is a financial burden.

Should you have any further questions or need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me via phone (206-799-1245) or email (<u>irforgette@hotmail.com</u>) or Kim Martin (<u>Kim@mascpas.com</u> or 206-784-2140 x102).

Warm Regards,

James Forgette

General Manager

Ballard Terminal Railroad Company