

STATE OF WASHINGTON

UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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August 14, 2017

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. AC Checker LLC

Commission Staff's Letter Confirming Non-Compliance TE-170594

Dear Mr. King:

On June 19, 2017, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TE-170594 against AC Checker 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. AC Checker LLC had the option to have \$750 of the \$1,000 penalty suspended on the conditions that: (1) AC Checker LLC files a complete annual report; and (2) pays any outstanding regulatory fee; and (3) pays the \$250 portion of the penalty that is not suspended within 15 days of the receipt of the Penalty Assessment Notice. The Penalty Assessment further states that if AC Checker LLC does not meet these three conditions, the \$750 suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable.

After reviewing commission records, staff confirmed on August 11, 2017 that AC Checker LLC has not paid the \$250 unsuspended portion of the penalty. As AC Checker LLC has not complied with all of the conditions under which the Commission suspended \$750 of the \$1,000 penalty assessment, it is staff's recommendation that the suspended \$750 penalty be imposed.

The Commission may also initiate proceedings under WAC 480-30-171 to revoke your authority to provide charter and excursion services in Washington.

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If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or <u>sbennett@utc.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean Bennett

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