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December 18, 2024

Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Float Skagit LLC*
Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties
Docket TC-240866

Dear Mr. Killip:

On December 5, 2024, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment against Float Skagit LLC (Float Skagit or Company) in the amount of \$100 for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-30-221 Vehicle and Driver Safety Requirements, which adopts Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 C.F.R.) Part 395 - Hours of Service of Drivers, as follows:

- **Nineteen violations of 49 C.F.R. § 395.8(a)(1) – Failing to require a driver to prepare a record of duty status using appropriate method.** The Company failed to require driver Kirk Knudsen to prepare a record of duty status on 19 occasions between August 2, 2024, and August 31, 2024.

On December 6, 2024, Float Skagit filed with the Commission its application for mitigation of the penalty. In the request for mitigation, Kirk Knudsen, owner of Float Skagit, admits the violations, states he believed the time records were compliant with the intent of the law, and asks that the penalty be waived.

In response to the Company's application for mitigation, the Commission assessed a "per category" penalty of \$100, as opposed to assessing penalties per occurrence. The violations occurred despite the Company receiving prior technical assistance. For these reasons, Commission staff recommend no mitigation of the penalty.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Sharp, Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor, Transportation Safety, at (360) 701-1603, or by email at Jason.Sharp@utc.wa.gov.

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Sincerely,

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