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September 17, 2014

NOTICE GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

Re: *In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against Lowper, Incorporated in the Amount of \$1,000, Docket UW-140846*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 28, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Lowper, Incorporated, for violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-110-505. This rule requires water companies to file their annual reports with the Commission each year by May 1.

Lowper, Incorporated (Lowper or Company) failed to file its annual report by May 15, 2014, which is 10 business days past the deadline of May 1. The Commission assessed a \$1,000 penalty for violation of WAC 480-110-505 against Lowper.

On September 8, 2014, Lowper informally contacted the Commission and requested a payment plan of \$250 every month be considered until it is paid in full.

On September 8, 2014, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a response to Lowper's request for a payment arrangement. Staff states that it supports Lowper's request for monthly payments of \$250, as follows:

1. The first \$250 payment is due no later than September 19, 2014.
2. The second \$250 payment is due no later than October 15, 2014.
3. The third \$250 payment is due no later than November 15, 2014.
4. The fourth \$250 payment is due no later than December 15, 2014.

Staff, however, also recommends that if Lowper fails to timely pay one payment installment, the entirety of the remaining balance will become immediately due and

payable. Staff further recommends that if Lowerper fails to pay the entire penalty amount by December 15, 2014, the Commission may refer the Company to the Office of the Attorney General and may be subject to interest and collection fees.

The Commission grants the request of Lowerper for a payment arrangement following the recommendation of Staff with the following modifications:

1. The first \$250 payment is due no later than October 1, 2014.
2. The second \$250 payment is due no later than November 3, 2014.
3. The third \$250 payment is due no later than December 1, 2014.
4. The fourth \$250 payment is due no later than January 5, 2015.

The Commission adopts the additional condition that if Lowerper fails to timely pay one payment installment, the entirety of the remaining balance will become immediately due and payable.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it grants the request of Lowerper, Incorporated and the recommendation of Staff for a payment arrangement that allows Lowerper, Incorporated to pay its \$1,000 penalty assessment. The Commission adopts Staff's payment plan as modified above with the first \$250 payment installment due no later than October 1, 2014. If Lowerper, Incorporated fails to timely pay one payment installment, the entirety of the remaining balance will become immediately due and payable.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge