**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against AIRNEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.in the amount of $1,000 | DOCKET UT-160541ORDER 01ORDER GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT |

**BACKGROUND**

1. On June 13, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a penalty in the amount of $1,000 against Airnex Communications, Inc. (Airnex or Company) for violations of 480-120-382. This rule requires telecommunications companies to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year, or the first business day thereafter.
2. On August 25, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

August 31, 2016 $250

September 30, 2016 $250

October 30, 2016 $250

 November 30, 2016 $250

1. Staff also proposed that if Airnex misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately, and that if Airnex fails to pay the entire $1,000 penalty by November 30, 2016, the Commission may refer the balance to the Attorney General’s Office for collection.

**DISCUSSION**

1. The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with two modifications. Because October 30 falls on a Sunday, the October installment due date is changed to October 31, 2016. In addition, if Airnex fails to pay the penalty by the date it becomes due in full – either immediately upon a missed installment, or November 30, whichever applies – the Commission may cancel the Company’s telecommunications registration.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. (1) The $1,000 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as follows:

August 31, 2016 $250

September 30, 2016 $250

October 31, 2016 $250

 November 30, 2016 $250

1. (2) If Airnex Communications, Inc. fails to pay any installment by 5:00 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
2. (3) If Airnex Communications, Inc. fails to pay any portion of the assessed penalty by the due date, the Commission may cancel the Company’s telecommunications registration by order in this docket.
3. The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 29, 2016.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING

 Executive Director and Secretary

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission’s website.**