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August 4, 2016

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. Prime Time Ventures*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Mitigation UT-160583

Dear Mr. King:

On June 15, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$700 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-160583 against Prime Time Ventures, LLC for seven violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-120-382), which requires telecommunications companies to furnish annual reports, supporting documentation and the regulatory fee to the commission no later than May 1 each year, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday.

On June 20, 2016, Prime Time Ventures, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. In its mitigation request, Prime Time Ventures, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. The company states, "...Filing late was due to an accident sustained by (myself) the companies Regulatory Representative. Which due to such unforeseen accident (where I broke my face) and I was hospitalized and unable to file on time, but did file as soon as I was able to, which was on 5/11/2016. I would ask for waiver of such penalties, due to our perfect and longtime historical standing of timely filings and payments."

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday. On February 29, 2016, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated telecommunication companies. The instructions page along with Schedule 1, Part A informs the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, provide the supporting financial reporting documents and pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 2, 2016, to avoid enforcement action.

On May 11, 2016, Prime Time Ventures, LLC filed the complete 2015 annual report and paid the regulatory fee owed.

Prime Time Ventures, LLC became active in 2008. Prime Time Ventures, LLC filed their 2011 annual report late and paid the associated penalty in full. Although the company has a previous violation of WAC 480-120-382. The company has historically filed on time and the company representative that is responsible for the annual report was hospitalized and filed the complete annual report on May 11, this date is before the penalty assessment notice was issued. In consideration of these factors, staff recommends a reduced penalty of \$25 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$175.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or [sbennett@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sbennett@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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