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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Rural Network Services, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment
Docket UT-160586

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 15, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Rural Network Services, Inc. (Rural Network Services or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-120-382, which requires telecommunications companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year.

On June 21, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed with the Commission a Request to Rescind the Penalty Assessment. Staff explained that on April 27, 2016, the Company filed an annual report under the name "MTE Communications," which is not the name under which the Company is registered with the Commission. Moreover, the name "Rural Network Services" did not appear anywhere on the annual report form. Staff noted that the Company has been advised that its annual reports must use the Company's name as it is recorded with the Commission, and recommends withdrawing the penalty.

Because the Company's report was timely filed, the Commission withdraws the penalty assessed against Rural Network Services.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Rural Network Services, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket UT-160586 is closed.

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