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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: NextNet Telecom, Inc., Application for Mitigation of Penalty Assessment Docket UT-140905

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 2, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against NextNet Telecom, Inc. (NextNet 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 9, 2014, NextNet filed a response to the penalty assessment, explaining that the Company cancelled its registration with the Commission in 2013, and that it never had revenue or sold services in Washington. The Company provided a copy of its application to the Department of Revenue to dissolve the corporation.

On June 20, 2014, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a response explaining that Commission records reflect no prior request from NextNet to cancel its registration, and recommending the Commission consider the Company's June 9 letter as notice of its voluntary cancellation. The cessation became effective at the Commission's July 24 open meeting in Docket UT-141399.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the Company is no longer registered to provide telecommunications services in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against NextNet based on the Company's cessation of service, effective July 24, 2014. THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against NextNet Telecom, Inc., is withdrawn and Docket UT-140905 is closed.

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