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July 12, 2016

**NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY**

RE: Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment  
Docket UT-160573

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 15, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. (Nehalem or Company) in the amount of \$500, 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 24, 2016, Nehalem responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that the Commission sent it a Class B annual report form, which it filed electronically on April 27, 2016. Commission staff (Staff) left a message with a Company employee after 5 p.m. on April 29 advising her that Nehalem submitted its annual report using an incorrect form. The employee was out of the office until May 5. As soon as she returned, she filed a corrected annual report.

On July 7, 2016, Staff filed with the Commission a request to waive the Penalty Assessment. Staff explained that although the Company originally filed its annual report using an incorrect form, all of the required information was provided. In addition, Staff erroneously marked the annual report as complete on May 9 rather than May 5. Staff recommends the Commission withdraw the penalty because the Company provided all of the required data by the deadline.

Because the Company technically complied with its annual reporting requirements and Staff miscalculated the penalty amount, the Commission withdraws the penalty assessed against Nehalem.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$500 assessed against Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket UT-160573 is closed.**

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