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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Prairie Electric, Inc*
Commission Staff's recommendation to impose suspended penalty.
Docket DG-190246

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On May 1, 2019, Prairie Electric, Inc (Prairie Electric or Company) was issued a \$1,000 penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122.030(2). Prairie Electric was provided the opportunity to have the entire \$1,000 penalty amount waived on the conditions that (1) Prairie Electric, Inc employees attend Dig Safe training provided through the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) within 12 months; and (2) Prairie Electric commits no further violations of RCW 19.122 within the next 12 months.

On May 7, 2019, the commission received notification from Prairie Electric that the company admitted the violation occurred and accepted the commission's offer to suspend the \$1,000 penalty amount based on the stated conditions.

The penalty assessment conditions required that Prairie Electric incur no additional violations within 12 months of the May 1, 2019 penalty assessment. On March 2, 2020, the commission assessed a penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122.055 that occurred on July 27, 2019.

Staff recommends the suspended \$1,000 penalty be imposed on Prairie Electric for failing to meet the condition of not incurring additional violations of RCW 19.122 within 12 months of the issuance of the May 1, 2019, penalty assessment.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo, Director
Pipeline Safety