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May 18, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: UG-143953 Penalty Assessment

Dear Mr. King:

On Feb. 10, 2015, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) was issued a \$1,000 penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122. Cascade had the option to have the penalty waived on the conditions that (1) Cascade's Whatcom County locate team attend "Dig Safe" training provided through the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA); and (2) that Cascade commit no further violations of RCW 19.122.030 within the next 12 months. On Feb. 27, 2015, the commission received notification from Cascade that the company admitted the violation occurred and accepted the commission's offer to suspend the penalty on the stated conditions.

Cascade was notified of the Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee's (Safety Committee) recommendation on Nov. 19, 2014. In response to the Safety Committee's recommendation, Cascade attended the Jan. 8, 2015, NUCA "Dig Safe" training. Cascade also provided the commission documentation that Cascade's Whatcom County locate team attended the "Dig Safe" training. Commission staff believes that Cascade's attendance of the "Dig Safe" training prior to the issuance of the penalty assessment does fulfill the first condition of the penalty waiver. The first condition of the penalty waiver has been met.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director
Consumer Protection and Communications