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August 15, 2017

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P.O. Box 47250
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.*

Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment UT-170443

Dear Mr. King:

On June 26, 2017, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-170443 against Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCES) for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-120-382), which requires telecommunication companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year.

CCES submitted a response on June 30, 2017 and an email on August 14. In CCES's response, the company indicated that it did not become an active and regulated company until January 22, 2017 and subsequently, a 2016 annual report is not applicable. Commission staff reviewed docket UT-161300 and the company did not become active until January 22, 2017, accordingly, a 2016 annual report was not due. The penalty was assessed in error, it is staff's recommendation that the penalty be rescinded and the docket closed.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or sbennett@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean Bennett

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