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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Pro Grade Enterprises, Inc.*  
Commission Staff's recommendation to impose suspended penalty.  
Docket DG-180203

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On March 16, 2018, the Commission issued a \$3,500 penalty against Pro Grade Enterprises, Inc. (Pro Grade Enterprises) for two violations of RCW 19.122.030(2). Pro Grade Enterprises was provided the opportunity to have \$2,500 of the \$3,500 penalty amount suspended and ultimately waived on the following conditions:

- Pay \$1,000 of the assessed penalty amount; and
- Company management and employees attend Dig Safe training provided through the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) within 12 months of the date of the penalty assessment; and
- Submit documentation of attendance of Dig Safe training within 5 days of attendance; and
- Commit no further violations of RCW 19.122 within the 12 months following the penalty assessment.

On April 3, 2018, the Commission received notification from Pro Grade Enterprises that it admitted the violations occurred and accepted the Commission's offer to suspend \$2,500 of the \$3,500 penalty amount based on the stated conditions, and made a payment of \$1,000 on April 4, 2018.

The Commission has not received the required documentation of attendance of training, and has no record of Pro Grade Enterprises employees attending training through the Commission's Pipeline Safety Program.

Staff recommends the Commission impose the suspended \$2,500 penalty on Pro Grade Enterprises for failing to meet the conditions of attending Dig Safe training within 12 months of the issuance of the penalty assessment, and providing documentation of attendance of training within 5 days of attendance.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo, Director  
Pipeline Safety