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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. Transblue, LLC.*
Commission Staff's recommendation to waive suspended penalty.
Docket DG-190627

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On August 14, 2019, Transblue, LLC (Transblue) was issued a \$2,000 penalty for two violations of RCW 19.122.030(2). Transblue was provided the opportunity to have \$1,500 of the total penalty amount suspended and ultimately waived on the following conditions:

- Transblue management and field crew responsible for excavation 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 September 3, 2019, the Commission received notification from Transblue that the company admitted the violation occurred and accepted the Commission's offer to suspend \$1,500 of the total penalty amount based on the stated conditions, and made a payment of \$500.

Based on information currently available to staff, Transblue has not committed additional violations of RCW 19.122 in the 12 months since receipt of the Notice. In light of COVID-19 impacts on training availability, staff recommends that the Commission consider waiving the training requirement, and ultimately waiving the suspended \$1,500 suspended penalty on Transblue.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo, Director
Pipeline Safety