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UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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April 3, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: UT-141158 Penalty Assessment

Dear Mr. King:

On Aug. 28, 2014, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) was issued a \$1,000 penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122. CenturyLink had the option to have the penalty waived on the conditions that (1) CenturyLink and its contract locator, Locating, Inc., attend "Dig Safe" training provided through National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA); and (2) that CenturyLink commit no further violations of RCW 19.122.030 within the next 12 months. On Sept. 9, 2014, the commission received notification from CenturyLink that the company admitted the violation occurred and accepted the commission's offer to waive the penalty on the stated conditions.

On Dec. 18, 2014, NUCA conducted a "Dig Safe" training. CenturyLink provided the commission documentation that employees of CenturyLink, and employees of its contract locator, Locating, Inc., attended the "Dig Safe" training. The first condition of the penalty waiver has been met.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director Consumer Protection and Communications