

STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: 01 Communications West, LLC, Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty

Assessment

Docket UT-170426

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 22, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against 01 Communications West, LLC (01 Communications or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-120-382, which requires telecommunications companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year.

On July 19, 2017, 01 Communications responded to the penalty assessment and requested mitigation of the penalty based on the written information provided. The Company explained that it no longer conducts business in Washington and has since filed a voluntary cessation of service requesting to cancel its registration with the Commission.

On August 11, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because 01 Communications' telecommunications registration was cancelled on August 31, 2017, in Docket UT-170877 at the Company's request.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the company is no longer operating in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against 01 Communications.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against 01 Communications West, LLC is withdrawn and Docket UT-170426 is closed.

/s/ *Gregory J. Kopta*GREGORY J. KOPTA
Director, Administrative Law Division