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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. North Sky Communications, LLC*
Commission Staff's recommendation to impose suspended penalty.
Docket D-180104

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On Feb. 6, 2018, North Sky Communications, LLC (North Sky Communications) was issued a \$1,000 penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122. North Sky Communications was provided the opportunity to have \$800 of the penalty waived on the conditions that (1) North Sky Communications' employees attend Dig Safe training provided through the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA); and (2) North Sky Communications commits no further violations of RCW 19.122 within the next 12 months. On Feb. 28, 2018, the commission received a \$200 payment and notification from North Sky Communications that the company admitted the violation occurred and accepted the commission's offer to suspend the remaining penalty based on the stated conditions.

The penalty assessment specified that North Sky Communication's regional manager, superintendent, director of safety, and the employee involved in the violation must attend NUCA Dig Safe training within six months of the issuance of the penalty assessment, and submit documentation of that attendance to the commission within five days of completing the training. On Aug. 27, 2018, staff confirmed with NUCA that none of the required North Sky Communications employees have attended Dig Safe training since the issuance of the penalty assessment on Feb. 6, 2018.

Staff recommends the suspended \$800 penalty be imposed for North Sky Communications failing to meet the condition of attending Dig Safe training within six months of the issuance of the Feb. 6, 2018, Penalty Assessment.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo, Director
Pipeline Safety