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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: Cascade Networks, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment
Docket UT-170436

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 26, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Cascade Networks, Inc. (Cascade Networks 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 5, 2017, Cascade Networks 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 July 19, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because Cascade Networks' telecommunications registration was cancelled on July 27, 2017, in Docket UT-170774 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 Cascade Networks.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against Cascade Networks, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket UT-170436 is closed.

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