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**NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND
NOTICE CANCELLING HEARING
(Set for November 27, 2012)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against Quality Telephone, Inc.*
Docket UT-121003

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On August 1, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served upon Quality Telephone, Inc. (Quality Telephone) a penalty assessment in the amount of \$1,050 alleging a violation of WAC 480-120-382, which requires competitively classified telecommunications companies to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year and pay regulatory fees annually on that date. On August 10, 2012, Quality Telephone filed with the Commission a request for a hearing in which it admits the violations for which the penalties were assessed, but asked that the penalty amount be reduced. The Commission set the matter for a brief adjudicative proceeding scheduled for November 27, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at its offices in Olympia, Washington.

On November 16, 2012, Commission Staff notified the Commission that the parties have reached a settlement in principle and request that the procedural schedule in this matter be suspended.

The Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule and therefore grants the parties' request. The Commission, however, will require the parties to submit by November 30, 2012, either a settlement agreement and supporting narrative or a report on the status of their efforts to reduce their agreement in principle to writing.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is suspended, and cancels the brief adjudicative proceeding previously scheduled for November 27, 2012. By November 30, 2012, the parties must either file a settlement agreement and supporting narrative or a status report on their negotiations.

ADAM E. TOREM
Administrative Law Judge