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**NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY**

RE: Mashell Telecom, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment  
Docket UT-160568

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 15, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against Mashell Telecom, Inc. (Mashell or Company) in the amount of \$400, 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 June 15, 2016, Mashell filed an application for mitigation, contesting the violations and requesting a hearing. The Company explained that it timely filed its annual report on April 29, 2016, and provided a confirmation number for its electronic filing.

On June 21, 2016, Commission staff (Staff) filed with the Commission a Request to Rescind the Penalty Assessment. Staff explained that on April 29, 2016, the Company filed an annual report that was considered incomplete because it contained an error. Staff explained, however, that the error was caused by a discrepancy between the language in the Commission's regulatory fee calculation sheet and the language in schedule one on the annual report form. The Company has since corrected its annual report. Staff finds that the Company should have been provided technical assistance rather than penalized, and recommends withdrawing the penalty.

Because the Company's error was based on a discrepancy between two Commission forms and the error has since been corrected, the Commission withdraws the penalty assessed against Mashell.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$400 assessed against Mashell Telecom, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket UT-160568 is closed.**

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