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NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY

RE: TransPac Telecom, Inc., Commission Staff's Request to Waive Penalty Assessment Docket UT-170495

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 28, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against TransPac Telecom, Inc. (TransPac 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 13, 2017, TransPac 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 2, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a response recommending the Commission waive the \$1,000 penalty because TransPac's telecommunications registration was cancelled on August 31, 2017, in Docket UT-170858 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 TransPac.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against TransPac Telecom, Inc. is withdrawn and Docket UT-170495 is closed.

/s/ *Gregory J. Kopta*GREGORY J. KOPTA
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