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RE: *In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against Transblue, LLC, in the Amount of \$2,000, Docket DG-190627*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 14, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$2,000 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Transblue, LLC, (Transblue or Company) for two violations of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.122.030(2). In the Penalty Assessment, the Commission offered the Company the option to suspend, and ultimately waive, \$1,500 of the penalty subject to the conditions that (1) the Company pay the \$500 remaining portion of the penalty; (2) Company field crew responsible for excavation, including management, attend Dig Safe training provided through the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) within 12 months of the date of the Penalty Assessment; and (3) the Company commit no further violations of RCW 19.122 within 12 months from the date of the Penalty Assessment.

On September 3, 2019, the Company paid the \$500 portion of the penalty that was not suspended and notified the Commission that it accepted the remaining conditions.

On October 15, 2020, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter recommending the Commission waive the \$1,500 suspended penalty and close the docket. Staff believes the Transblue has not committed any further violations of RCW 19.122 and although Transblue has not attended NUCA Dig Safe training, Staff believes this is because of COVID-19 impacts on training availability and recommends the Commission waive this condition.

The Commission agrees that Transblue has sufficiently complied with the conditions of the penalty suspension. The Commission waives the requirement that Company field crew attend NUCA Dig Safe training due to lack of training availability as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$1,500 suspended penalty is thus waived, and this docket is closed.

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Executive Director and Secretary