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Feb. 17, 2016

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, UG-143953 Penalty Assessment

Dear Mr. King:

On Feb. 10, 2015, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) was issued a \$1,000 penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122.030(3). Cascade had the option to have the penalty waived on the conditions that: (1) Cascade send its Whatcom County locate team to a “Dig Safe” training provided through National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA); and (2) that Cascade commit no further violations of RCW 19.122.030 within the next 12 months.

On Feb. 20, 2015, the commission received notification from Cascade that the company admitted the violation occurred and accepted the commission’s offer to waive the penalty on the stated conditions. The commission confirmed on May 18, 2015, that the first condition of the penalty waiver was met as Cascade attended the NUCA “Dig Safe” training on Jan. 8, 2015. In addition, on Feb. 10, 2016, commission staff confirmed that, according to commission records, Cascade has committed no further violations of RCW 19.122.030 within the past 12 months. The second condition of the penalty waiver has been met.

As both conditions have been met, staff recommends the \$1,000 penalty issued against Cascade be waived and the docket closed.

Sincerely,

Susie Paul, Acting Assistant Director
Consumer Protection