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RE: *In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against Avista Corporation in the Amount of \$5,000, Docket D-210605*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 28, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$5,000 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Avista Corporation (Avista) for one violation of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.122.030(3)(a) for failing to provide an excavator with reasonably accurate information by marking the location(s) of its underground facilities.

On January 10, 2022, One Call Locators, Ltd., d/b/a ELM Locating and Utility Services (ELM) filed a contest to the violation asserting that ELM, acting as locator for Avista, successfully completed marking the locations of Avista's underground utilities.

On January 11, 2022, Avista filed an acknowledgment of the violation and paid the penalty in full.

On April 14, 2022, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter in this docket in response to ELM's contest of violations. Staff asserts that because the penalty was against Avista, ELM's contest of violations, coming from a third-party to the case, is irrelevant to the outcome. Staff recommends the Commission close the docket because the issue was resolved when Avista conceded the violation and paid the penalty.

The Commission agrees that Avista's acknowledgment of the violation and payment of the penalty fully resolve the issues in this docket. This docket is now closed.

AMANDA MAXWELL  
Executive Director and Secretary