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Sept. 10, 2015

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, UT-141158 Penalty Assessment

Dear Mr. King:

On Aug. 28, 2014, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) was issued a \$1,000 penalty for a violation of RCW 19.122. CenturyLink had the option to have the penalty waived on the conditions that: (1) CenturyLink and its contract locator, Locating, Inc., attend “Dig Safe” training provided through National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA); and (2) that CenturyLink commit no further violations of RCW 19.122.030 within the next 12 months.

On Sept. 9, 2014, the commission received notification from CenturyLink 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 April 3, 2015, that the first condition of the penalty waiver was met as CenturyLink and its contract locator, Locating, Inc. attended the NUCA “Dig Safe” training on Dec. 18, 2014. In addition, on Aug. 28, 2015, commission staff confirmed that, according to commission records, CenturyLink 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 CenturyLink be waived and the docket closed.

Sincerely,

Sharon Wallace, Assistant Director
Consumer Protection and Communications