

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against	DOCKET TC-170577
Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC	ORDER 02
in the amount of \$1,000	ORDER GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 19, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$1,000 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC (Pacific Northwest Distributing or Company) for failure to timely file an annual report and pay its regulatory fee.
- 2 On July 20, 2017, Pacific Northwest Distributing responded to the Penalty Assessment contesting the violations and requesting mitigation based on the information provided.
- 3 On August 31, 2017, the Commission entered Order 01, Denying Contentst of Violations; Denying Mitigation. Order 01 directed the Company to pay the penalty no later than September 14, 2017.
- 4 On September 14, 2017, Staff contacted the Executive Director and Secretary of the Commission explaining that the Company requested to pay the penalty in four monthly installments, and that Staff supports the request. The Company and Staff jointly propose the following payment schedule:

September 20, 2017	\$250
October 20, 2017	\$250
November 20, 2017	\$250
December 20, 2017	\$250

- 5 Staff also proposes that if Pacific Northwest Distributing misses one payment, the entire balance will become due and payable immediately.

DISCUSSION

- 6 The installment payment schedule Staff and the Company propose is reasonable. The Commission approves the proposal with one modification. Pacific Northwest Distributing

may make additional payments in advance of the payment due dates or pay an increased amount on the due dates, but no additional payment or increased amount will relieve the Company of its obligation to make timely monthly installments of \$250 until the full amount of \$1,000 is satisfied.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) The \$1,000 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 4, above.
- 8 (2) If Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC fails to pay any installment by 5 p.m. on the date it is due, the unpaid balance will immediately become due and payable without further order by the Commission.
- 9 (3) If Pacific Northwest Distributing, LLC fails to pay any portion of the assessed penalty by the due date, the Commission may cancel the Company's authority to operate by order in this docket.
- 10 The Secretary has been delegated authority to enter this order on behalf of the Commissioners under WAC 480-07-904(1)(h).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 20, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.