

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Penalty Assessment Against	DOCKET D-170853
Watterson Excavation, Inc.	ORDER 01
in the amount of \$20,000	GRANTING PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 29, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) assessed a \$20,000 penalty (Penalty Assessment) against Watterson Excavation, Inc. (Watterson or Company) for three violations of RCW 19.122.
- 2 The Penalty Assessment was received via certified mail by Watterson on September 1, 2017. The Penalty Assessment allowed 15 days from receipt to respond. The company failed to respond by the September 16, 2017, deadline.
- 3 On October 12, 2017, Watterson submitted a letter to the Commission requesting to set up a payment arrangement.
- 4 On October 13, 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:

November 15, 2017	\$5,000
December 15, 2017	\$5,000
January 15, 2018	\$5,000
February 15, 2018	\$5,000
- 5 Staff also proposes that if Watterson 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 the modification that Watterson 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 until the full amount is satisfied.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 7 (1) The \$20,000 penalty is due and payable to the Commission in installments as set out in paragraph 4, above.
- 8 (2) If Watterson Excavation, Inc. 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) DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 16, 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.