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**NOTICE WITHDRAWING PENALTY AND CANCELING BRIEF
ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING**

RE: TeleManagement Systems, Inc., Request for Hearing and Request for Mitigation
of Penalty Assessment, Docket UT-140920

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 2, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served a Penalty Assessment against TeleManagement Systems, Inc. (TeleManagement or Company) in the amount of \$1,000, alleging violations of WAC 480-120-382, which requires telecommunications companies to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees by May 1 each year.

On June 16, 2014, TeleManagement filed a response to the penalty assessment, explaining that the Company cancelled its registration with the Commission in 2013, ceased doing business in Washington in 2012, and had no revenues in 2013. The Company included its 2013 annual report with its request for hearing. The Commission scheduled a brief adjudicative proceeding on August 26, 2014, to consider this matter.

On August 13, 2014, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a response explaining that while Commission records reflect no formal request from TeleManagement to cancel its registration, Staff accepts the Company's June 16 letter as notice of its voluntary cancellation. The cessation will become effective at the Commission's August 28 open meeting in Docket UT-143083. Accordingly, Staff requested the Commission withdraw the penalty assessment and cancel the hearing.

The Commission's primary objective in any enforcement action is to ensure compliance with a company's legal obligations; penalties both punish noncompliance and provide an incentive to comply in the future. The assessed penalty would further neither of these goals if the Company is no longer registered to provide telecommunications services in Washington. The Commission therefore withdraws the penalty assessed against TeleManagement based on the Company's cessation of service, effective August 28, 2014, and cancels the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding scheduled for August 26.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that the penalty of \$1,000 assessed against TeleManagement Systems, Inc., is withdrawn and Docket UT-140920 is closed.

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