



Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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September 4, 2019

Mark Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Members of the Commission
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Review Committee Decision – Cases 19-049, 19-050 and 19-060
Austin's Lend-A-Hand Corp. vs. Snohomish PUD

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received three complaints regarding potential violations of Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030 for work performed on Dec. 27, 2018, June 10, 2019 and Aug. 24, 2018.

On, September 3, 2019, the committee formed a review board and heard Cases 19-049, 19-050 and 19-060, filed by Austin's Lend-A-Hand against Snohomish PUD.

The review board determined that the respondent, Snohomish PUD, violated RCW 19.122.030(3)(a) on three occasions for failing to provide the excavator with reasonably accurate information by marking their location within two (2) business days.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$11,000 be assessed to the respondent follows;

- Case 19-049; \$1,000 for the first violation of RCW 19.122.030(3)(a)
- Case 19-050; \$5,000 for the second violation of RCW 19.122.030(3)(a)
- Case 19-060; \$5,000 for the third violation of RCW 19.122.030(3)(a)

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Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this case. I can be contacted at 206-794-9823.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Walton".

Jim Walton, Chair

cc: Lynda Holloway, UTC

Erin Burke, Snohomish PUD