



Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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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 19-046 and 19-047
Puget Sound Energy vs. Absolute Excavating

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received two complaints regarding potential violations of Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030 for work performed on 2/22/2019 and 2/24/2019

On February 18, 2020, the committee formed a review board and heard Cases 19-046 and 19-047 Puget Sound Energy vs. Absolute Excavating.

The review board determined that the respondent, Absolute Excavating, violated RCW 19.122.030(2) on Case 19-046, by not requesting locates, Absolute Excavating also violated RCW 19.122.030(2) on Case 19-047 by not requesting locates.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$1000.00 being assessed to the respondent as follows;

- Case 19-046 \$5000.00 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(2)
- Case 19-047 \$5000.00 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(2)

The recommended penalties total \$10,000.00. Absolute had been found in violation of the dig laws by the UTC within the last three years; therefore, the recommendation is without deferral.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read 'Jim Walton'.

Jim Walton, Chair

cc: Lynda Holloway, UTC

Mike Mahlman, Absolute Excavating