



# Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

P.O. Box 734 • Poulsbo, WA 98370

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Mark Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary  
Members of the Commission  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Review Committee Decision – Cases 21-019, 020 and 21-023  
M&L Construction, Inc. vs. Avista Corporation

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received complaints regarding potential violations of Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030 for work performed on 06/04/21

On, 7/14/2021 the committee formed a review board and heard Case 20-047 filed by M&L Construction, Inc. against Avista Corporation.

The review board determined that the respondent, Avista Corporation, violated RCW 19.122.030(3) for failure to accurately locate their underground utilities.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$5000 being assessed to the respondent as follows:

- \$5000 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(3)

The recommended penalties total \$5000.



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Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this case. You contact me at 206-794-9823.

Sincerely,

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

Jim Walton, Chair  
Cc: Lynda Holloway