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January 3, 2023

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

Re: Review Committee Decision – Case 22-020 M&L Construction Inc. vs. Avista Corporation

Dear Amanda Maxwell:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received a complaint regarding a potential violation of Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030 for work performed on 05/24/2022

On 12/20/2022, the committee formed a review board and heard Case 22-020 filed by M&L Construction Inc against Avista Corporation.

The review board determined that the respondent Avista Corporation violated RCW 19.122.030(3)(a) for failing to accurately locate the natural gas line.

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)(a)

The recommended penalties total \$5000.

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

Sincerely,

Jim Walton, Chair  
Cc: Lynda Holloway  
Scott Hattenburg  
Tyler Proszek