



Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

P.O. Box 734 • Poulsbo, WA 98370

August 18, 2021

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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 – Case 21-017 Northwest Grading,
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 05/21/2021.

On, 8/11/2021 the committee formed a review board and heard Case 20-047 filed by Northwest Grading, Inc. against Avista Corporation.

The review board determined that the respondent, Avista Corporation, violated RCW 19.122.030(4)(a) for failing to mark the location of Avista’s 2” 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(4)(a)

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Walton, Chair
Cc: Lynda Holloway
Linda Burger
Andrew Reed