



Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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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 21-024 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 06/16/2021.

On, 8/11/2021 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(4)(a) for failure to locate their underground utilities within 2 business days.

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".

Jim Walton, Chair
Cc: Lynda Holloway
Linda Burger
Scot Hattenburg