

Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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Jeff Killip, Executive Director, and Secretary UTC Records Center Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re: Review Committee Decision – Complaint Case 24-024 NW Natural Gas vs. Luong's Landscaping, Inc.

Dear Mr. Killip:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee (committee) received a complaint filed by NW Natural Gas against Luong's Landscaping, Inc. (Luong's) regarding a potential violation of the Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030.

On May 16, 2024, the committee formed a peer review board and reviewed Complaint Case 24-024.

The peer review board determined that the respondent Luong's, violated RCW 19.122.030(2) one time for failure to provide notice to a one-number locator service not less than two business days before the scheduled excavation date.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$1,000 be assessed to the respondent as follows:

 \$1,000 for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(2) that occurred on April 12, 2024, at 3170 W Second St, Camas, WA

Additionally, the committee recommends a deferral opportunity be offered to suspend \$800 of the \$1,000 total, based on the conditions that Luong's owner Tho Luong, office manager Candace Dobson, and project foremen take NUCA Dig Safe Training in person (not online) and incur no additional violations of RCW 19.122 within the next 12 months.

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

Sincerely.

Jim Walton, Chair

cc: Marina Rathbun, UTC Jaimie Lemke, NW Natural Gas Tho Luong, Luong's Landscaping, Inc.

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