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June 21, 2016

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Rural Network Services, Inc.*

Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment UT-160586

Dear Mr. King:

On June 15, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-160586 against Rural Network Services, Inc. for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-120-382), which requires telecommunications companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year, except when May 1 is a weekend, in which case the annual report is due by the next business day. May 2 was the next business day.

The company submitted an annual report on April 27, 2016 under the company name MTE Communications, Inc. This company name is not in the staff database and Rural Network Services, Inc. was not on the annual report. On June 15, staff was contacted by the company which stated that they filed under MTE Communications, Inc. like they have in previous years. The company has been advised that the annual report must accurately list the regulated companies name. Upon further research, the company filed on time and it is staffs recommendation that the assessed penalty be withdrawn and the docket closed.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or sbennett@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director
Administrative Services