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7/5/17

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Docket D-170116

Dear Mr. King,

My office received the "Recommendation to Impose Suspended Penalty Amount" letter on 7/3/17. After reading it, and consulting with my attorney, Russ Hermes, I realized he and I had miscommunicated and neither of us had taken the next appropriate steps. As soon as I realized the error, I called in and spoke with Sean Mayo. Please reconsider imposing the suspended portion and allow us to take the classes and set up a payment plan to pay the fines.

Please know that there was no intent on failing to comply with the commission findings. While I may not agree with the findings in their entirety, I have always intended to comply. Unfortunately, there was some miscommunication with my attorney, Russ. I thought we had discussed that he would find out the costs and timeframe of the classes and look into setting up a payment plan to pay the fines. He, on the other hand, thought I was doing it.

Since the original findings, I have created and filled a position for an employee to pick up associated paperwork for locates, call in for locates and layout for locates. She is face to face with employees every week and has also been introduced to site superintendents to ensure she's aware of upcoming activities. She has a book in which all of the locate information is kept and recorded, as well as a lists of plats and lots that she can reference. I have also purchased a company vehicle for her to go out and paint the layouts, meet with employees and superintendents.

I am confident this new system will continue to minimize the chances of mistakes. We are also very open to any recommendations and/or the additional knowledge that will come from the classes.

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I have been taking this seriously and wish to fulfill my obligation. The lack of progress toward the findings was simply a miscommunication between my attorney and myself. There was, in no way, any intent to not comply.

Sincerely,



Ben Tanielian
Member