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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
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Inland Telephone Company*

Staff's Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment UT-160562

Dear Mr. King:

On June 14, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-160562 against Inland Telephone Company for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-120-382), which requires telecommunication 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 25, 2016. The wording for the regulated WA Intrastate Revenue data is slightly different when comparing schedule one to the regulatory fee calculation sheet. The company has since provided an updated and complete annual report and is aware of the annual report requirements. Both the commission and the company would have been better served by a technical assistance letter. Therefore, staff recommends that the assessed penalty be withdrawn and the docket closed.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
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