



# Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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September 16, 2020

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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 20-024 Halme Construction vs. Avista Corporation

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received a complaint regarding a potential violation of Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030 for work performed on May 7, 2020.

On September 15, 2020, the committee formed a review board and heard Case 20-024 filed by Halme Construction against Avista Corporation.

The review board determined that the respondent, Avista Corporation, violated RCW 19.122.030(3)(a) for failing to mark the facility operator’s underground facilities with reasonably accurate information.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty being assessed to the respondent as follows;

- \$1000.00 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(3)(a)

The panel’s recommended penalty totals \$1000.00, with \$800.00 deferred on the condition that Avista Corporation incurs no additional violations of RCW 19.122 within twelve months of receiving a penalty assessment order.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this case. I may be contacted at 206-794-9823.

Sincerely,

Jim Walton, Chair

Cc: Lynda Holloway

Linda Burger, Avista Corporation

Gregory Lawson, Halme Construction

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