

Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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September 15, 2020

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 19-079 Johansen Construction Company vs. CenturyLink

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 August 22, 2019.

On September 15, 2020, the committee formed a review board and heard Case 19-079 filed by Johanson Construction Company against CenturyLink.

The review board determined that the respondent, CenturyLink, 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 be assessed to the respondent as follows;

• \$5000.00 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(3)(a)

The panel's recommended penalty totals \$5000.00.

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

Stan Choate, CenturyLink

Alex Fromong, Johansen Construction Co.