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June 12, 2015

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-150842

Dear Mr. King:

On June 4, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-150842 against Rural Network Services, Inc. for 10 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.

The company submitted an annual report on April 21, 2015 via online filing 2031 with a confidential status. Commission staff emailed Rural Network Services, Inc. on April 23, 2015 notifying the company did not conform to the confidential filing requirements of WAC 480-07-160. The company responded via email on April 23 notifying the commission the confidential button was pressed by mistake. Commission staff did receive the email notification but failed to process the report as complete within the Annual Report Tracking System (ARTS) resulting in the company being included on the companies in violation listing. As Rural Network Services, Inc. timely filed its completed 2014 annual report on April 23, 2015, staff recommends that the assessed penalty be withdrawn and the docket closed.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Amy Andrews, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or [aandrews@utc.wa.gov](mailto:aandrews@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director  
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