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**NOTICE DENYING REQUEST FOR HEARING
AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT REASON(S) IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION
(By Thursday, October 24, 2013)**

RE: Cascade Networks, Inc., Request for Mitigation of Penalty Assessment
Docket UT-130792

TO ALL PARTIES:

On September 25, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued and served Penalty Assessment UT-130792 against Cascade Networks, Inc. (Cascade Networks or Company) in the amount of \$1,800, alleging a violation of WAC 480-120-382, which requires telecommunications companies to file annual reports with the Commission by May 1 each year and pay regulatory fees annually on that date.

On October 14, 2013, Cascade Networks filed with the Commission a request for hearing on the form provided by the Commission. Cascade Networks checked the box on that form indicating that the Company admits to the violations, but believes that the penalty should be reduced. The form, however, conditions the opportunity for hearing on Cascade Networks providing a written statement of the reasons the Company believes the alleged violation should be reduced. Because Cascade Networks failed to provide a basis for its request for a hearing, the Commission denies that request. The Commission nevertheless will consider the Company's request for mitigation of the assessed penalty on the basis of a written submission of the reasons supporting such mitigation if the Commission receives that submission no later than one week from the date of this Notice.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That Cascade Network's request for hearing is denied.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Commission will consider Cascade Network's request for mitigation provided the Company files a written statement of the reason(s) in support of its request by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2013.

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