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June 15, 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. CSK Communications, Inc.*

Commission Staff's Response to Request for Hearing UT-150807

Dear Mr. King:

On June 3, 2015, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-150807 against CSK Communications, 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.

On June 9, 2015, CSK Communications, Inc. wrote the commission requesting a hearing disputing the violation occurred. In its hearing request, the company states, "I am asking the commission to consider reducing or dropping the charges based on the history of my company".

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline. On February 27, 2015, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated telecommunications companies. The instructions for annual report completion page of the annual report informed the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 1, 2015, to avoid enforcement action.

On June 9, 2015, CSK Communications, Inc. filed a complete 2014 annual report with no regulatory fees owed. The company previously missed the deadline to file its annual report and pay regulatory fees for the 2009 reporting year. CSK Communications, Inc. filed a cessation of business notification with the commission on June 9, 2015 under Docket UT-151197 which is scheduled to come before the commission during the July 9, 2015 open meeting.

Staff does not support the company's request for hearing as no argument was provided disputing the violation occurred. However, staff supports waiving the penalty against CSK Communications, Inc., despite the prior violation of WAC 480-120-382, as the company has

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notified the commission of its desire to cease doing business in Washington, complied with the requirement to file the annual report and reported no regulated business for the 2014 reporting year.

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,



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