



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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August 14, 2017

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. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.*

Commission Staff's Letter Confirming Non-Compliance UT-170443

Dear Mr. King:

On June 26, 2017, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-170443 against Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-120-382), which requires telecommunication companies to furnish annual reports and the regulatory fee to the commission no later than May 1 each year. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. had the option to have \$750 of the \$1,000 penalty suspended on the conditions that: (1) Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. files a complete annual report, including financials; and (2) pays any outstanding regulatory fee; and (3) pays the \$250 portion of the penalty that is not suspended within 15 days of the receipt of the Penalty Assessment Notice. The Penalty Assessment further states that if Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. does not meet these three conditions, the \$750 suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable.

After reviewing commission records, staff confirmed on August 11, 2017 that Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. has not: filed a complete annual report; paid the outstanding regulatory fee; nor paid the \$250 unsuspended portion of the penalty. As Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. has not complied with all of the conditions under which the Commission suspended \$750 of the \$1,000 penalty assessment, it is staff's recommendation that the suspended \$750 penalty be imposed.

A complete annual report has not been filed with the commission, nor has the regulatory fee been paid. The Commission may also initiate proceedings under WAC 480-121-060 to revoke your authority to provide telecommunications services in Washington.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean Bennett

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