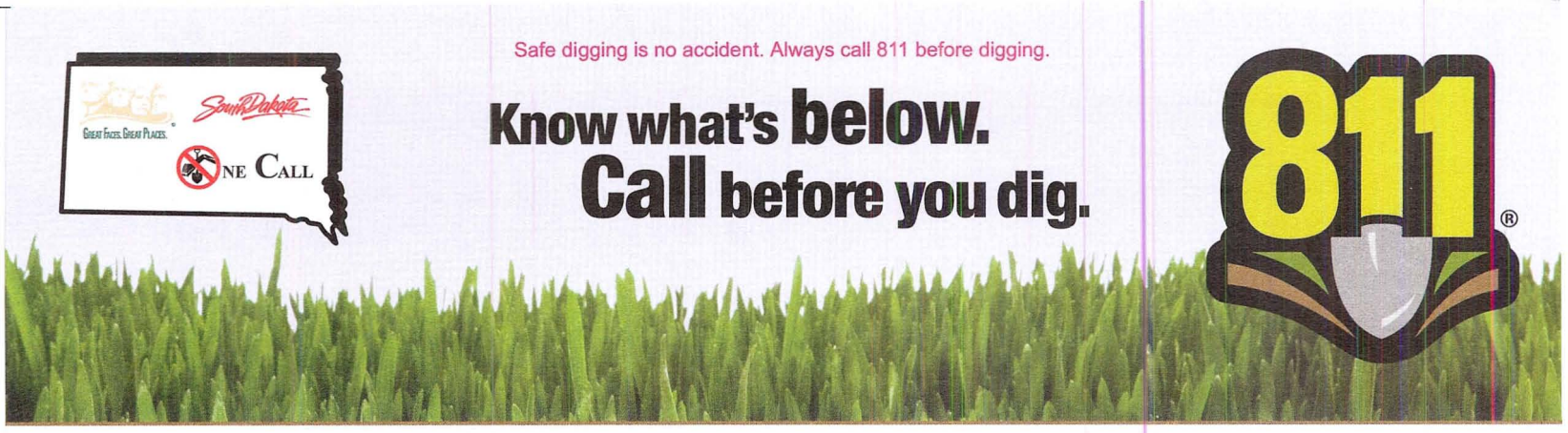

TO: **Larry S. Electric**

FROM: **SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD**

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

RE: **NOTICE OF COMPLAINT; DEADLINE FOR ANSWER;**

In the Matter of the Complaint OC09-007 filed by South Dakota Network, LLC against Larry S. Electric, regarding a failure to provide notification of proposed excavation as required by SDCL 49-7A-5.

You are hereby notified that the enclosed complaint as referenced above has been filed with the South Dakota One Call Notification Board against Larry S. Electric. Pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-23 & SDCL 49-7A-24, you are required to answer this complaint in writing, no later than the close of business on October 19, 2009, by filing the original and two copies of the answer at the address listed below and by serving a copy on the complainant or you may file your response electronically at http://www.state.sd.us/puc/EFilingOptions.aspx.

South Dakota One Call Notification Board
c/o Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Your answer should be as thorough and detailed as possible and should include any documentation that supports your position e.g. witness statements, pictures, etc. We would encourage you to specifically address the alleged violation of SDLC 49-7A-08 referenced in the complaint:

> Failure to maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of eighteen inches between a marked underground facility and the cutting edge of any mechanized equipment at a location in front of the State Library on August 26, 2009.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-22 a panel of Board members will make a determination of probable cause based on the complaint and associated response. If probable cause is

determined, the panel may recommend penalties under SDCL 49-7A-18 or SDCL 49-19. If any financial penalties are assessed in response to Complaint OC09-007 the amount will be based on the factors noted in SDCL 49-7A-26 which are as follows:

1. The amount of damage
2. The degree of threat to the public safety, and
3. The public inconvenience caused;
4. The respondent's plans and procedures to insure future compliance with statute and rules;
5. Any history of previous violations;
6. Other matters as justice requires.

You may address any of these items in your response if you believe it would be of value to the Enforcement Panel when they consider this complaint.

Pursuant to SDCL 15-6-55, failure to answer this Complaint could result in a default judgment being issued against you. Appropriate liens and other legal collection actions could result. You are strongly urged to reply to this Notice in the time frame described above and to obtain the advice of counsel should you have any legal questions.

A copy of the Operations Manual for Facility Operators and Excavators, the South Dakota One Call Statute and associated Administrative Rules are available on our web site www.sdonecall.com.

Procedural questions may be directed to Larry L. Janes, Executive Director to the South Dakota One Call Notification Board, at 605-348-4543 or by email to exedir@sdonecall.com. I would request that you do not contact any members of the South Dakota One Call Notification Board to discuss this complaint. Since they may be involved in the Enforcement Panel review and/or a Chapter 1-26 hearing to resolve of the complaint, they have been advised by legal counsel to not discuss any pending complaint before the Board.

Enclosure: Copy of complaint

cc: William P. Heaston, South Dakota Network, LLC (via email)