

ONE CALL COMPLAINT FORM
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, Sd 57501-5070

COMPLAINT

Allegation of Probable Violation(s) of South Dakota One Call Laws

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I. ACTION REQUESTED BY:

COMPLAINT FILED BY: Company
PERSON FILING COMPLAINT: Todd Chambers
COMPANY: Watertown Municipal Utilities
ADDRESS: 901 Fourth Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201
PHONE NUMBER: (605) 882-6233
EMAIL: tchambers@watertownmu.com
DATE: April 13, 2011

ii. ACTION REQUESTED AGAINST:

NAME OF EXCAVATOR/FACILITY OPERATOR: Belair Excavating
PHONE NUMBER: (303) 394-1300
ADDRESS: 9405 Alton Court, Henderson, CO 80640
WAS A LOCATED REQUESTED FROM SD ONE CALL? Yes
LOCATE TICKET#: 101620336
START DATE ON TICKET: June 15, 2010
DID EXCAVATOR WAIT UNTIL THE START DATE/TIME ON THE TICKET BEFORE COMMENCING EXCAVATION? Yes
WERE BURIED FACILITIES EXPOSED BY HAND OR NON-INVASIVE EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO EXCAVATION? Yes

III. FACILITY INVOLVED (IF ANY)

TYPE OF FACILITY INVOLVED: Natural Gas pipeline tracer wire
OPERATOR OF FACILITY: Watertown Municipal Utilities
OPERATOR ADDRESS: 901 Fourth Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201
PHONE NUMBER: (605) 882-6233
DEPTH OF COVER: 3-4 feet
PRESSURE: 60# 2" high pressure plastic pipe
VOLTAGE:
NUMBER OF CABLE REPAIRS:

IV. MARKING

WERE FACILITIES MARKED? Yes

WAS THE MARKING COMPLETE PRIOR TO THE START TIME ON THE TICKET? Yes

DID EXCAVATOR PRE-MARK WITH WHITE PAINT? No

WAS THE FACILITY ACCURATELY MARKED (WITHIN 18 INCHES)? Yes

DID EXCAVATOR USE REASONABLE CARE TO MAINTAIN LOCATE MARKS FOR LIFE OF PROJECT? Yes

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS WITH THE OTHER PARTY? No

IS THERE AGREEMENT? No

IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

V. DAMAGE (IF ANY)

FATALITIES: 0

INJURIES: 0

LENGTH OF HOSPITALIZATION: 0

ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$19,890.71

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED: 5

DAMAGED IN: Public

PHOTOS OF THE DAMAGED FACILITY: Yes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Because the line along the approximate 1700 foot stretch was no longer locatable because of the damaged tracer wire we were forced to install the entire length. The contractor was willing to pay for the replacement needed.

VI. PROBABLE VIOLATION

SPECIFIC STATUTE(S) OR RULE(S) THAT WAS VIOLATED: 49-7A, 49-7A-10, 49-7A-12, 49-7A-19, 20:25:03:05.03

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROBABLE VIOLATION: approx 4 areas in the 16000 block of 454th Ave.

DATE/TIME OF PROBABLE VIOLATION: June 1, 2010 12:00 am

HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE PROBABLE VIOLATION WITH THE PARTY THE ACTION IS FILED AGAINST? True

IF YES, NAME THE PARTY WITH WHOM YOU DISCUSSED THE PROBABLE VIOLATION: Terry Spitzer

DESCRIPTION OF PROBABLE VIOLATION: Contractor concealed damage of gas tracer wire. Utilities discovered damage when we responded to a locate request on September 9, 2010 by Belair to repair a leak on the water main they previously installed. We found that portions of the damaged gas tracer wire had been wrapped around the lath stakes that Belair used to identify the offset for installing the water line. Pictures are attached along with a damage report and statement.