

CARLSON EXCAVATING
% Doug Carlson
11045 Bremmon Rd
Britton, SD 57430

June 20, 2011

SD One Call Notification Board
% Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an owner of two businesses, Carlson Construction for approximately 39 years, and Carlson Excavating for 2+ years. Both companies involve dirt work and diggings. I call in to Call One several times a week for projects mostly for dirt work, repairing culverts and road repair, and no one has ever complained about us before.

There was a miscommunication among the crews on the day in question. We worked at this site, which is located outside city limits, twice late last year preparing the site for a new building and to dig in a new sewer system and do not recall Otter Tail ever being involved. Lake Region Electric provides power to that area. All electrical lines at that time were located south of the area where we were going to dig and behind the building.

No contact was made by Otter Tail to question my crew. Also, Otter Tail didn't mark any utilities as far as I know.

When the crew started moving in on May 24, 2011, to measure out the site which was called in, the area, which was 150' long X 60' wide, and was marked with white flags. The job consisted of digging from 0-12" to lay down fabric and new gravel and allow for complete drainage of the lot to the south. The deepest depth dug on this project was 12". All other utilities had already marked the area involved. The only utility involved at the site to be graveled was BDM Rural Water who informed the foreman, Barry, that they could not find the shut-off. He informed them that in the area where the shut-off should be located, there would be no digging done at that spot.

We employ 2 crews with 2 foremen. After receiving this notice on Friday, June 10, 2011, I called the foremen in for a meeting on June 13, 2011 to discuss this complaint that had been filed against us. To make sure this doesn't happen in the future, my foremen and all crews will double check starting dates and also double check that all utilities have responded to our Call One Locate requests. I, Douglas Carlson, will personally check every job to make sure, before crews start, that utilities are marked and starting dates are adhered to.

Sincerely,



Carlson Excavating
Douglas Carlson, owner

Cc: Scott Fritz/One Call Administrator