

**RESPONSE OF DON RUNGE TO COMPLAINT OF
SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Case No. OC11-008

Date of Incident: June 13, 2011

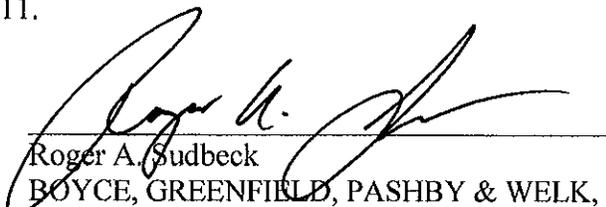
Location: 69th & Tall Grass, Sioux Falls, SD

Please consider this the response of Don Runge to the complaint of Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (OC11-008) dated August 19, 2011.

Don Runge disputes that the Southeastern line was not located by Southeastern in the area of the alleged damage. Southeastern states in its own complaint that "69th Street was located a short distance to the left by Southeastern's locator just to show the cable direction and not because it was requested on a One-Call ticket." Mr. Runge had a One-Call ticket immediately adjacent to the area in question. Regardless of whether the precise area was specifically requested, Mr. Runge found that the line was marked and began his work.

Moreover, the lack of a One-Call ticket was not the cause of hitting the cable. As indicated in the response to Southeastern's Complaint, OC11-007, Mr. Runge inadvertently hit the Southeastern cable because of the representation made by Southeastern's employee, Roger Smith, at the May 20, 2011, preconstruction meeting. At the meeting, Mr. Smith stated that all of the Southeastern cables in the area were four to five feet below grade. Mr. Runge was only digging at about eight inches below grade when he apparently hit the Southeastern cable. Mr. Runge was not even aware that he had hit the cable.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2011.


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