

**BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT )  
FILED BY MONTANA-DAKOTA )  
UTILITIES CO., RAPID CITY, SOUTH )  
DAKOTA, AGAINST AL SUTTON )  
ELECTRIC, RAPID CITY, SOUTH )  
DAKOTA, FOR AN INCIDENT )  
OCCURRING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2014, AT )  
2017 E. HWY 44, RAPID CITY, S.D. )**

**OC14-005**

**ORDER ADOPTING  
ENFORCEMENT PANEL  
RECOMMENDATION TO  
THE SD ONE CALL BOARD  
AND TO PURSUE  
COLLECTION ACTION IF  
NECESSARY**

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On February 27, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a complaint from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), Rapid City, South Dakota against Al Sutton Electric (Sutton) of Rapid City, South Dakota. The complaint alleges that on or about February 25, 2014, Sutton dug without a valid locate ticket. Sutton responded to the Complaint on June 24, 2014.

On June 26, 2014, pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-22 a panel of three One Call Board members (herein "Panel") convened. The Panel met to determine whether probable cause exists to believe the violation occurred as described in the complaint. The Panel determined that probable cause did exist to believe a violation of SDCL 49-7A-5 occurred and found that the violation was intentional.

The Panel found it proper to assess a penalty of \$750.00 with \$500.00 suspended on certain conditions as listed below.

The recommended suspension conditions are as follows:

- (i) Sutton shall make payment of the \$250.00 portion of the penalty which was not suspended within 30 days of issuance of this Order.
- (ii) Sutton shall attend an excavating seminar in the spring of 2015.
- (iii) Sutton shall conduct an in-house safety meeting for its employees to review the One Call laws. The meeting shall be held within 30 days of the final One Call Order. Documentation shall include the printed and signed names of meeting participants, details of the material discussed, and the date and length of the meeting. Documentation shall be submitted to the Executive Director of South Dakota One Call within that 30 day period.
- (iv) Sutton must not be found to have committed a One Call violation within the next 12 months.

If any of the conditions are not met, the entire \$750.00 Penalty will be immediately due and owing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2014, the South Dakota One Call Board, pursuant to 49-7A-27, reviewed the Panel's procedure and approved its findings.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, that the South Dakota One Call Board adopts the recommendations of the Panel as a final resolution of this complaint. The Panel's findings are attached hereto and shall be considered fully incorporated herein; it is further

ORDERED, that if the penalty is not paid, the Board shall pursue any rights it has under the law regarding collection; it is further

The South Dakota One-Call Notification Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-7A, specifically SDCL 49-7A-5, 49-7A-18, 49-7A-20, 49-7A-22, and 49-7A-26.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile by first class mail, or by other electronic means.



Larry L. Janes, Executive Director

Date 9-10-2014

BY ORDER OF THE SD ONE-CALL BOARD:

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014



Erin Hayes, Chairman