

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT) FILED BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES) CO., RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA,) AGAINST LIND EXCO, RAPID CITY,) SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR AN INCIDENT) OCCURRING ON MARCH 27, 2014, AT 1851) DISCOVERY CIRCLE, RAPID CITY, S.D.)	ENFORCEMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATION TO THE SD ONE CALL BOARD OC14-007
--	---

On April 9, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a complaint from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota against Lind Exco (Lind) of Rapid City, South Dakota. The complaint alleges that on or about March 27, 2014, Lind dug using an expired locate ticket.

A copy of the complaint was sent to Lind on April 10, 2014. Lind responded to the Complaint on April 28, 2014. In its response, Lind admitted that it did not have a valid locate ticket, but that the gas line was incorrectly marked. Lind stated that it now has a policy in place to prevent future One Call violations.

On May 20, 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 found sufficient evidence was presented to determine probable cause exists to believe a violation of SDCL 49-7A-5 occurred. Specifically, the Panel found Lind preformed excavation without a valid locate ticket, as per ARSD 20:25:03:05.01, resulting in damage to a gas line operated by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. With one panel member dissenting, the Panel did find the violation to be intentional.

The Panel found it proper to assess a \$750.00 penalty for this offense. The Panel found it proper to suspend the entire \$750.00 penalty under the following condition:

Lind must not be found by the Enforcement Panel to have committed an intentional violation of a One Call rule or regulation within the 12 months of the SD One Call Board Order.

If the condition is not met, the entire \$750.00 will be immediately due and owing.

The Panel recommends the South Dakota One Call Board accept its findings and recommendations herein. If either party to this Complaint disagrees or objects to the recommendations or findings herein, a hearing may be requested. To request a hearing a party must reply within twenty days from the date of service of this notice. Failure to request a hearing is considered acceptance of the recommendations and findings herein.

The South Dakota One-Call Notification Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-7A and ARSD 20:25.

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 May 21, 2014

**REQUEST FOR A HEARING
COMPLAINT OC14-007**

**I REJECT THE PANEL RESOLUTION TO COMPLAINT OC14-007 AND
REQUEST A HEARING.**

Signature – Lind Exco.

Date

**I REJECT THE PANEL RESOLUTION TO COMPLAINT OC14-007 AND
REQUEST A HEARING.**

Signature – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Date

**YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE SENT TO ALL OTHER
PARTIES INCLUDING:**

**SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD
C/O SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
500 E. CAPITOL AVE.
PIERRE, SD 57501-5070**

**Failure to request a hearing will result in acceptance of the Enforcement Panel's
Recommendation by the South Dakota One Call Board. The Board will then
Order the Recommendation as the final disposition of this Complaint.**