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Subject: New One Call Complaint Form

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1. Action Requested By:

Complaint filed on behalf of or by: Watertown Municipal Utilities

Contact Person: Todd Chambers

Phone: 605-882-6233 **Ext:** 147

Street Address or PO Box: 901 4th Avenue SW

City: Watertown

State: sd

Zip: 57201

Fax: 605-882-6238

Email Address: tchambers@watertownmu.com

Date: 9/9/2014

2. Action Requested Against:

Name of excavator / facility operator: Clausen Construction Inc.

Phone: 605-882-3735 **Ext:**

Street Address Or PO Box: 1300 23rd Street SE

City: Watertown

State: SD

Zip: 57201

Fax: --

Email Address: clausenconstruction@hotmail.com

Is this party aware of your allegations?: Yes

Provide detail including whom you spoke with: I spoke with Chad Clausen on site the afternoon of 9/5/2014. He said they did not have a onecall ticket. I Told him this was the 3rd issue we had with them not following onecall law this year and we would be filing a complaint.

3. Basic Facts:

Street Address / location of alleged violation: 2600 14th Ave NE

City: Watertown

State: SD

Date of alleged violation: 09/05/2014

Time of alleged violation: 11:30 a.m.

Describe your allegation: Clausen Construction was conducting excavation activity and hit an electric service located in a utility easement.

Do you believe the alleged violation to be intentional?: Yes

Why or why not?: Utility personnel have talked to Clausen Construction on 2 separate occasions at 2 different locations this year regarding Onecall potential violations. Both of those discussions were for not using non-invasive means to expose facilities within the 18 inch zone. One instance resulted in cutting a gas service line that was clearly marked. They are definitely aware of Onecall and the requirements.

4. Excavation / Locate Information:

Was a locate requested from SD One Call?: No

If a locate was requested:

Locate ticket #:

Start date and time on ticket:

Did the excavator wait until the start date / time on the ticket before commencing excavation?: No

If no, when did excavation begin (date and time)?: 09/04/2014

Did the excavator maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 18 inches between a marked facility and mechanical equipment?: NA

Explain: No ticket so facility was not marked.

Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation?: No

Were facilities marked?: No

Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?: NA

Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?: No

Was the facility marked accurately (within 18 inches)?: NA

Did the excavator use reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?: NA

Type of facility involved: Electric service line

Operator of facility (if known): Watertown Municipal Utilities

Operator address (Street or PO Box): 901 4th Avenue SW

City: Watertown

State: SD

Zip:

Phone: 605-882-6233

Depth of Cover: 30 inches

Pressure:

Voltage: 120/240 3 wire

of cable pairs:

5. Damages

Was the facility damaged?: Yes

If yes, provide detail and an estimate of damage: Secondary service to town-home was cut that is in a public utility easement. Damage estimated at \$500.

Were damages on public right of way or private property?: Public

Was anyone injured as a result of facility damage?: No

If yes, provide detail:

Length of hospitalization:

Were there fatalities?: No

If yes, provide detail:

Was operator service affected?: Yes

If yes, provide detail (how many customers for how long): 1 customer 2 hours.

Other information regarding injuries or damages:

6. Statutory Violation

Specific statute(s) or rule(s) you believe were violated: 49-7A-5 Notification of proposed excavation. After the damage occurred a damage ticket was called in but work continued by Clausen without a valid dig ticket.

Other information to support your position: The pictures will show the area of damage and the size of area that was excavated without a ticket. Clausen did provide a damage ticket when they hit the power line and that is attached.