

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT)
 FILED BY WATERTOWN MUNICIPAL)
 UTILITIES, WATERTOWN, SOUTH)
 DAKOTA, AGAINST CLAUSEN)
 CONSTRUCTION INC., WATERTOWN,)
 SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR AN INCIDENT)
 OCCURRING ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2014,)
 AT 2600 14TH AVE. NE, WATERTOWN,)
 S.D.)**

OC14-019

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

On September 9, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a complaint from Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, South Dakota against Clausen Construction, Inc. (Respondent) of Watertown, South Dakota. The complaint alleges that on or about September 5, 2014, Respondent dug without obtaining a locate ticket. Respondent did not file an answer to the Complaint.

On October 9, 2014, pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-22 a panel of five 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 \$1,000.00 with \$250.00 suspended on certain conditions as listed below.

The recommended suspension conditions are as follows:

- (i) Respondent shall make payment of the \$750.00 portion of the penalty which was not suspended within 30 days of issuance of this Order.
- (ii) Respondent shall attend a damage prevention seminar hosted by the One Call Board in the spring of 2015.
- (iii) Respondent 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) Respondent 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 \$1,000.00 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 November 14, 2014

BY ORDER OF THE SD ONE-CALL BOARD:

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota
This 11th day of November, 2014


Erin Hayes, Chairman