

South Dakota One Call  
c/o Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Larry Janes, Executive Director  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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RE: OC14-032 Century Link against Black Hills Septic and Ditching Inc.

I disagree with your findings however, I don't have the adequate proof to request a hearing and show that nothing was marked in this area so I am going to meet your conditions.

For your information I did an inspection of the site after waiting 48 hours to allow for the locates to be completed. At that time nothing was marked in the area where I hit the cables. There was also nothing marked in this area prior to my excavation three days later when I started the job. I always hand shovel all utilities that are located and marked. On this job I had to cross a 4" steel gas line, 4" PVC gas line and two single comcast cables servicing the residences. I hit none of these lines because they were marked and I located them using a shovel.

I hit the large comcast cables because they were not marked. One cable was completely cut and the other partially cut. Its obvious that no had digging took place otherwise they wouldn't have been hit. In order to know where to hand dig the line needs to be marked in the first place.

To prevent this situation from happening in the future I will now take photos of the entire property. I currently take photos of everything that gets marked but since this area wasn't marked, there are no pictures. I will then have the proof needed to request a hearing and expose these shady locators.



Aaron Olson  
President  
Black Hills Septic and Ditching Inc.