

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT)
FILED BY NORTHWESTERN ENERGY,)
MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST)
TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, HARRISBURG,)
SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR AN INCIDENT)
OCCURRING ON MAY 8, 2015, AT ≈ 300')
EAST OF SOUTH ROWLEY AND EAST)
SPRUCE INTERESECTION, MITCHELL,)
S.D.)**

OC15-008

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

On June 15, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a complaint from NorthWestern Energy, Mitchell, South Dakota against Traffic Solutions (Respondent) of Harrisburg, South Dakota. The complaint alleges that on or about May 8, 2015, Respondent engaged in excavation without following procedures for excavation near high profile underground facilities. Respondent filed an answer to the complaint on June 26, 2015.

On July 28, 2015, 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 found sufficient evidence was presented to determine probable cause exists to believe a violation of SDCL 49-7A-5 occurred. The Panel did not find the violation to be intentional.

The Panel found it proper to assess a penalty of \$1000.00 with \$1000.00 suspended on certain conditions as listed below.

The recommended suspension conditions are as follows:

- (i) Respondent shall attend a damage prevention seminar hosted by the One Call Board in the spring of 2015.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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 \$1000.00 Penalty will be immediately due and owing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 19, 2015, 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

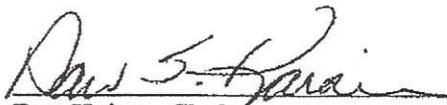
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile by first class mail, or by other electronic means.


Larry L. Janes, Executive Director

Date August 28, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE SD ONE-CALL BOARD:

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota
This 28 day of August, 2015


Dan Kaiser, Chairman