

**BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA
ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY)
THE CITY OF PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA,)
AGAINST CENTURYLINK OF SIOUX FALLS,)
SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR AN INCIDENT)
OCCURRING ON DECEMBER 20, 2015, AT THE)
INTERSECTION OF SULLY AND CLEVELAND,)
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA)
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**ORDER ADOPTING
ENFORCEMENT PANEL
RECOMMENDATION TO THE SD
ONE CALL BOARD AND TO
PURSUE COLLECTION ACTION
IF NECESSARY**

OC16-001

On January 26, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received a complaint from the City of Pierre against CenturyLink (Respondent). The complaint alleges that on or about December 20, 2015, Respondent failed to locate its facilities within the time required by South Dakota One Call law. A copy of the complaint was sent to Respondent on January 27, 2016. Respondent filed an answer to the Complaint on or about February 16, 2016. In its answer, Respondent did not contest the alleged violation.

On January 12, 2016, pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-22 a panel of five One Call Board members (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-8, 49-7A9, and SDAR 20:25:03:10 occurred. Specifically, the Panel found Respondent failed to locate its facilities in the proposed excavation area within 4 hours after receipt of the notice. The violation did not result in damage to any facility operated by the City of Pierre. The Panel did not find the violation to be intentional.

The Panel found it proper to assess a penalty of \$1000.00 with \$500.00 suspended on certain conditions as listed below.

The recommended suspension conditions are as follows:

- i. Respondent shall make payment of the \$500.00 unsuspending portion of the penalty within thirty days of issuance of the final SD One Call Board Order.
- ii. Payment shall be remitted to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.
- iii. Respondent shall attend a damage prevention seminar in the spring of 2016.
- iv. Respondent shall conduct an in-house safety meeting with its subcontractor to review the One Call laws. The meeting shall be held within 30 days of the final One Call Order, unless such meeting has occurred prior to the issuance of the Order, but subsequent to the violation. 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.

- v. Respondent must not be found to have committed another violation of a One Call rule or regulation within the 12 months of the SD One Call Board Order.

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 May 18, 2016, the South Dakota One Call Board, pursuant to 49-7A-27, reviewed the Panel's procedure and approved its findings.

It is therefore:

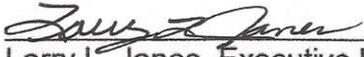
ORDERED, that the South Dakota One Call Board adopts the recommendations of the Panel as a final resolution of this complaint. The Panel's findings are attached hereto and shall be considered fully incorporated herein; it is further

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-8, 49-7A-18, 49-7A-20, 49-7A-22, and 49-7A-26.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

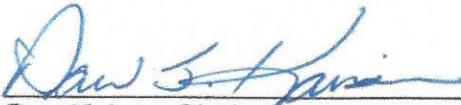
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile by first class mail, or by other electronic means.


Larry L. Janes, Executive Director

Date 5-24-2016

BY ORDER OF THE SD ONE-CALL BOARD:

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota
This 20 day of May, 2016


Dan Kaiser, Chairman