

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA
ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES, MOBRIDGE, SD AGAINST ANDERSON CONTRACTORS, INC., PIERRE, SD FOR AN INCIDENT OCCURRING ON JUNE 1, 2021 AT THE CORNER OF ONEIDA AND PLEASANT IN PIERRE, SD.</p>	<p>ENFORCEMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATION TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL BOARD</p> <p>OC21-009</p>
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On June 24, 2021, the South Dakota One Call Notification Board received a Complaint filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (herein "Claimant"), against Anderson Contractors, Inc., (herein "Respondent"), for an incident occurring on June 1, 2021, at the corner of Oneida and Pleasant in Pierre, South Dakota. The Complaint alleges a violation of ARSD 20:25:03:05.03 when Respondent failed to expose the facility by use of hand excavation, air cutting, water cutting, or vacuum excavation in a manner that does not damage the underground facilities.

A copy of the Complaint was sent to Respondent on June 28, 2021. The deadline to respond to the Complaint was July 20, 2021. Respondent answered the Complaint on July 19, 2021. Respondent does not dispute that violations of South Dakota One Call law occurred. In the response, Respondent stated they were digging within 18" of a marked utility with mechanical equipment.

On July 22, 2021, the Enforcement Panel (herein "Panel") convened pursuant to the authority present in SDCL 49-7A. The Panel does find probably cause that an unintentional violation of ARSD 20:25:03:05:03 occurred.

Based upon the evidence presented in the filings, the Panel recommends a penalty of \$1,000 with \$750 suspended upon the conditions listed below. The conditions for the suspended penalty are as follows:

1. Respondent must not be found guilty of a One Call violation within twelve (12) months of the Board Order being issued.
2. The penalty payment of **\$250** must be made to the **South Dakota One Call Notification Board, P.O. Box 187, Rapid City, SD 57709** within thirty days.

3. Respondent must attend a Damage Prevention meeting in 2022.
4. Respondent must conduct an in-house safety meeting to discuss South Dakota One Call laws. Detail of the discussion material, date, and length of the meeting along with printed and signed names of attendees will be submitted to the Executive Director of South Dakota One Call within thirty (30) days of the Board Order being issued.
5. Respondent will arrange a face-to-face meeting with Claimant to review the damage, dangers while working around utilities, and safe practices. This meeting is to take place within thirty (30) days of the Board Order being issued.

If any of the above conditions are not met, the suspended penalty (**\$750**) becomes immediately due and payable to **South Dakota One Call Notification Board, P.O. Box 187, Rapid City, SD 57709.**

The Panel recommends the South Dakota One Call Notification Board accept its findings and recommendations herein. If either party to this Complaint disagrees or objects to the recommendations or findings herein, a hearing may be requested. To request a hearing, a party must reply within twenty (20) days from the date of service of this notice. Failure to request a hearing is considered acceptance of the recommendations and findings herein.

The South Dakota One Call Notification Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-7A and ARSD 20:25.