

Formstack Submission For: [South Dakota One Call Reply Form](#)

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Complaint Docket Number: OC21-012

Reply filed on behalf of (company name): MP Nexlevel, LLC

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Date: Nov 02, 2021

Were you previously aware of these allegations?: No

Provide detail including whom you spoke with.:

Do you believe the statutes listed (if any) by Yes

the complainant were violated?:

Why or why not?:

Do you dispute the alleged violation of SD One Call statute or rule occurred?:

No

If yes, what specifically do you dispute?:

Do you dispute the complainant's statements regarding the intentional or unintentional nature of the alleged violation?:

No

If yes, please explain.:

Was a locate requested from SD One Call?:

Yes

Locate ticket #:

2123073893

Start date on ticket:

Aug 20, 2021

Start time on ticket:

09:00 PM

Copy of the locate ticket:

[Direct Link to Image](#)

If no, please explain why no locate request was made.:

Did excavation begin before the start date / time on the ticket?:

No

Was a minimum horizontal clearance of 18 inches maintained between a marked facility and mechanical equipment? :	No
Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation? :	Yes
Were facilities marked? :	Yes
Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?:	Yes
Was the excavation site pre-marked with white paint?:	No
Was the facility marked accurately (within 18 inches)?:	Yes
Was there reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?:	Yes
Did the complainant correctly describe the type of facility involved?:	Yes
Provide details:	1/2" natural gas service
Did the complainant correctly describe the damages that resulted	Yes

from the alleged violation?:

Provide details:

1/2" gas service damaged with plow blade

Was the one-call notification center immediately notified of the damage, dislocation, or disturbance?:

Yes

File:

If No, why not?:

Was the operator of the facility immediately notified of the damage, dislocation, or disturbance?:

Yes

If No, why not?:

Was there an escape of any flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid?:

Yes and 911 was contacted by an Excavator

If Yes, but if 911 was not called, or if you don't know, explain why.:

Did the complainant correctly describe the damages that resulted from the alleged violation?:

Yes

If no, provide details.:

Were damages on public right of way or private property?:	Private
Did complainant correctly describe how operator service was affected?:	Yes
Provide Details:	One customer without service for about an hour.
Was anyone injured as a result of facility damage?:	No
If yes, provide details.:	
Length of hospitalization:	
Were there fatalities?:	No
If yes, provide details.:	
Other information regarding injuries or damages:	
Describe your plans and procedures to ensure compliance with SD One Call statutes and rules.:	MP Nexlevel's strict company policy states that "All utilities within the work path shall be potholed using hand digging or soft digging (vacuum excavation) methods. No excavation by mechanical means shall occur within the tolerance zone of the located utility (18" or 24" on either side of the locate mark depending on state statute). Excavators/operators are required to maintain the tolerance zone between the cutting edge or point of any power operated excavating or earthmoving equipment. If you cross a utility, you must do so through a pothole. If there is no pothole in your path, you shall dig a new pothole to cross the utility. An observer shall be present to watch the pass through of the bore head, reamer, etc.

both going out and coming back to ensure proper clearance is maintained.”

Has a complaint been filed against you in the past for SD One Call violations?:

Yes, I don't recall the date

If yes, when was it filed?:

Please provide any additional information to support your position.:

On October 27th, a safety meeting was held with all crew members and Safety. North Western Energy was also invited but at last minute texted that they were not able to attend. Material covered included locate/811 notification process and outline roles and responsibilities of each team member and damage prevention training. Specifically MP Nexlevel's policy on Excavation Damage Prevention Guidelines and South Dakota's 822 laws sections I, II, III, IV, and VII.

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