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Dig Safe Violation Report

Complete as thoroughly as possible and send to Robert Hayden at the above
DPU address

Today's date: _____

Reporting Party: _____ Company _____

Mailing

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Specific Location of Incident

(Street) _____ (Town) _____

Date of Incident _____ **Time of Incident:** _____

Operator of Underground Facility/Utility Company: _____

Name of Excavator (or Excavating

Company): _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Dig Safe (Ticket) Number: _____ (Attach Dig Safe Msg. If
applicable)

Facility is on: a Public Way Private Property

Injury occurred: Yes No If yes, describe:

Damage Occurred: Yes No

Did damage cause a service interruption?
 Yes No

Facility Damaged is: a Primary Line a Secondary Line

Type of Facility: Gas, Electric, Communication, Water, Drain/Sewer,
 Other

Were photographs taken?
 Yes No

Provide a description of the damaged facility, including; material, voltage, pressure, depth of cover, repair cost and other pertinent

What type of tool/equipment was used to excavate? _____

If a Dig Safe number was obtained, did the excavation occur within the area (scope) described in the Dig Safe ticket request?

- Yes
 No

Available Proof that a Dig Safe Violation occurred:

- An admission was made by excavator.
 Incident was witnessed.
If so by who? _____
 Other. Explain:

Please explain description of activity causing damage:

Was the site marked? Yes No

If no, should the site have been marked?
 Yes No

Were the marks within 18" of the facility?
 Yes No

Was the site marked correctly?
 Yes No

Explain:

Who is in violation of the Dig Safe law?
 Excavator Operator of facility
 Both Excavator & Operator Neither Excavator, nor Operator

Explain why the party(s) above should be found in violation of the Dig Safe law:

Is there any valid reason the above party(s) should not be found in violation of the Dig Safe law? _____

When was the incident reported and by whom? _____
Year of installation (if less than 12 months, provide month and date): _____

What were the weather conditions? _____

Depth of the Excavation? _____

ALLEGED VIOLATION(S) OF DIG SAFE (Check as many that apply)

1. Excavator did not have a valid Dig Safe number at the time of the excavation. Excavator either had no Dig Safe number at all, or the Dig Safe number was invalid. If invalid, explain why.
2. The underground facility was not marked. Excavator had a valid Dig Safe number but the underground facilities were not marked by the Utility Company (or locating company).
3. The underground facility was inadequately marked by the operator of the facility. (Excavator had a valid Dig Safe number, but the underground utilities were marked inadequately, inaccurately or incorrectly).
4. The marking of underground facilities was lost or not maintained and remarking was not requested at least Twenty Four (24) hours before the excavation continued. (The excavator failed to keep the marks visible and should have called for a remarking, but did not).
5. Excavation was not performed with precaution to prevent weakening of support to pipes, mains, wires, conduits or damage to the protective coating thereof and/or severance of any such pipe, main, wire or conduit. (Excavator could have avoided damage if additional/reasonable precaution was used).
6. Damage occurred to underground facilities and operator thereof was not notified of damage by Excavator/Contractor.
7. If blasting was employed, the initial notification or subsequent notification did not indicate the date and specific location of the blasting.
8. The area of excavation was not premarked.
9. Other (Explain)