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### **PSC FINES FOUR COMPANIES FOR DAMAGES OCCURRED DURING EXCAVATIONS**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) recently fined four companies for damages that occurred during excavation projects, highlighting the importance of remembering to “Call Before You Dig.”

“The goal of our damage prevention program is not to fine companies, but to protect lives and our underground infrastructure,” said Commissioner Brian Kalk. “Not only is it the law to call before you dig, it protects your life and the life of others. Don’t take the chance!”

State law requires anyone who engages in any type of excavation to do a One-Call notification at least 48 hours before beginning excavation. Residents and contractors can easily contact One-Call by calling 8-1-1 or 1-800-795-0555, or by visiting [www.ndonecall.com](http://www.ndonecall.com). The person or company is then given a time frame in which to complete the excavation.

The PSC recently assessed the following fines against companies who failed to do proper notification:

- Timber Ridge Plumbing and Heating, Inc.: Two-inch gas main was damaged during excavation in Mandan, N.D. - \$1,000 fine
- Rodenbough Trucking and Excavating, Inc.: Two-inch gas main was damaged during excavation in Minot, N.D. - \$1,000 fine
- American Civil Constructors, Inc.: Underground electric cable damaged during excavation in Minot, resulting in loss of electricity for approximately 2,600 customers served by Verendrye Electric for over an hour - \$2,000 fine
- Kingdom Customs, LLC: Natural gas service line was damaged during excavation to install footings for a house deck in Minot, N.D. - \$1,000 fine

“With record growth in both construction and underground infrastructure, it’s imperative for everyone, but especially contractors, to call before they dig,” said Commissioner Julie Fedorchak. “It’s absolutely a big public safety issue and violators will be punished.”

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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