



November 17, 2016

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue; Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

RE: Case No. PU-11-696
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
AVS to Neseet 345-kV Transmission Project
Notification of Underground Utility Incident

The following is a written report to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) of the November 17, 2016 verbal notification made to Commission Staff (Jerry Lein and Victor Shock) of an incident with an inactive underground natural gas gathering pipeline on Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (Basin Electric) AVS to Neseet 345-kV Transmission Project (PU-11-696).

During excavation for Structure 291-150 foundation, located in the West ½ of Section 35; Township 158N; R100W in Williams County at approximately five foot in depth, the auger encountered a four inch diameter polyethylene pipe. The excavation activity was stopped immediately and ND ONE CALL was contacted. The project's North Dakota ONE CALL ticket for excavation activity in this area is current (see attached).

Soon after notifying ND ONE Call, representatives from ND ONE CALL came on-site and a representative from ONEOK Rocky Midstream, Inc. (ONEOK) arrived. The ONEOK representative (Mr. Wade Herland) stated that the pipeline was owned by ONEOK and the pipeline was untraceable and has been inactive for several months after undergoing a nitrogen gas purge.

Basin Electric's contractor removed their excavation equipment from the location, backfilled the excavation and moved to the next foundation location. Due to the presence of the previous unknown ONEOK four inch polyethylene pipeline, Basin Electric will relocate Structure 291-150 and will file a structure relocation request with the Commission.

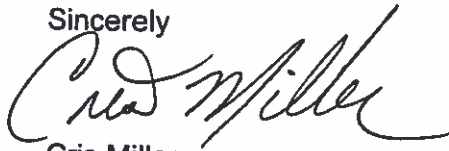
As additional follow-up on the incident, Mr. Rich Chaska, ONEOK 811 Coordinator (701.770.3440) was contacted to discuss this incident and identified a process to review other potential conflicts with other inactive natural gas gathering lines in our project area.

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Should you have any further questions or require any additional information please contact me at 701.557.5635 or by email at cmiller@bepc.com.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cris Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cris" being more prominent than the last name "Miller".

Cris Miller
Senior Environmental Project Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Jerry Lein
Victor Schock
Casey Jacobson
Amanda Wangler

North Dakota One Call

Ticket No: 16175479
 Update of: **16163411**
 Op: webuser4
 Op: webuser4

Original Call Date: 11/09 16 09:49 am
 Work to Begin Date: 11/14/16 10:00 am

LOG: RESPOT

TICKET ACTIONS

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CALLER INFORMATION

Company Name: PAR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
 Contact Name: AUSTY DRAKE
 AH Contact: RANDY HOGUE
 Caller Address: 1209 COUNTY HWY J23 CLEARFIELD, IA 50840
 Email Address: mldrake@midrilling.com

Fax Phone: 641-336-2387
 Phone: 641-336-2397
 AH Phone: 641-344-3441

DIG SITE INFORMATION

Type of Work: DRILLED PIER FOUNDATIONS
 Work Being Done For: BRNK
 Depth: OVER 16FT
 Trenching/Boring: N

Explosives: N

DIG SITE LOCATION

County: WILLIAMS
 Address: 130TH AVE NW
 Intersecting Street: 60TH ST NW
 Location of Work: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF 129TH AVE NW & 60TH ST NW GO NORTH ALONG 129TH AVE NW 2670FT, FROM THAT POINT FOLLOWING THE POWERLINE ROW WEST 4900FT & LOCATE A 100 FT RADIUS OF EACH OF 6 CENTER STAKES MARKED AS STR.
 Remarks: 150
 Map Typ: 150N
 Map Coord NW Lat: 48.2930710
 SE Lat: 48.2904898

Place: SPRINGBROOK

Rag: 100W

Len: -103.5178227
 Lon: -103.4964337

Sect-Qt: 36-SUNW,35

MEMBERS NOTIFIED

District	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Status
BEARPW01	ONEOK ROCKIES MIDSTREAM, LLC	800-778-7831	Clear/No conflict
NDP04	NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE COMPANY	701-580-0147	Does not participate in Ticket Check
NWC00002	NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOP	406-274-4149	Clear/No conflict

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