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Re: Public Service Commission, Tom's Backhoe, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement
Case No. GS-13-712

Dear Mr. Schmaltz:

During its deliberations on the captioned case, the Public Service Commission discussed training that may be available from North Dakota One Call. The Commission requests more information on the type of training you provide for excavators in North Dakota, and the process one should use to obtain this training. Would you please respond with a letter describing the training that is available from NDOC, how one should go about obtaining this training, how often NDOC recommends one obtain this training, and whether NDOC provides those who take the training with any sort of evidence of completion of training.

Since this is a pending proceeding, a copy of this letter is being sent to the two parties to this case, Ryan Norrell, Special Assistant Attorney General, counsel for the Public Service Commission's Advocacy Staff, and Tom Thompson, Vice President, Tom's Backhoe Service Inc., on behalf of Tom's Backhoe Service Inc. If possible, your response should also be provided to these two parties. I have attached their mailing addresses for your convenience, and their e-mail addresses are below.

Once the Commission receives your response, the Commission will make a determination whether to include this information in the record on which the decision may be based. If the Commission chooses to include the information in the record, certain procedures found in North Dakota Century Code section 28-32-25 must be followed. These include notice to the parties, an opportunity for them to submit additional information, and the possibility that one or both of the parties may wish to cross examine the person who provided the information. If this course is taken, we will keep you informed.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please respond at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please call Julie Prescott, Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, or Austin Lafferty.

Best regards,


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