



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

220 2nd Ave East
P.O. Box 1407
Williston, ND 58802-1406
(701) 572-2152



November 19, 2013

Public Service Commission
600 E Blvd. Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

To whom it may concern;

In response to the request at the bottom of the Third Party Damage Complaint form, SFN 59067 (11-12), regarding my authority to file a complaint on behalf of a company, please refer to the following information.

As the District Gas Superintendent for the Williston District of Montana-Dakota Utilities, I am “responsible for construction, operation, and maintenance of the gas transmission and distribution systems; and providing safe, reliable, economic service to our customers.” This includes responding to any problems found with excavators working in vicinity with our natural gas system.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Paul Riely
District Gas Superintendent
(701) 572-1614
paul.riely@mdu.com



THIRD PARTY DAMAGE COMPLAINT

Public Service Commission

SFN 59067 (11-12)

PART A – WHO IS SUBMITTING THIS COMPLAINT

Information Being Submitted By <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company*	Company/Organization Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	Person Filing Information Paul Riely	Position District Gas Superintendent	
Address of Person Filing Information 220 2nd Ave E	City Williston	State ND	Zip Code 58801	
Telephone Number 701-572-1614	Email Address paul.riely@mdu.com		Date 10-11-2013	

PART B – WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED THE ONE-CALL REGULATIONS

Name of Excavator Northern Excavating Co., Inc		Telephone Number 701-252-5967	
Address 3420 82nd Avenue SE	City Jamestown	State ND	Zip Code 58102
Name of Entity for Which Excavation Was Performed City of Ross		Telephone Number 701-755-3262	
Address PO Box 4	City Ross	State ND	Zip Code 58776

PART C – TIME AND LOCATION OF THE EVENT

Date and Time of Event 9/13/13 @ 1100am	Address of the Excavation and/or Damage Main and Railroad Avenue		
County Mountrail	City Ross	State ND	Zip Code 58776

PART D – FACILITY INVOLVED

Type of Facility Involved Gas and Electric Distribution System	Operator of Facility and Contact Person (if known) Montana-Dakota Utilities		
Address 220 2nd Ave E, PO Box 1406	City Williston	State ND	Zip Code 58802-1406
Telephone Number 701-572-1600	Email Address (if known) paul.riely@mdu.com		
Brief Description of Facility Involved Natural Gas distribution service line			

PART E – DAMAGE (if applicable)

Fatalities None	Injuries None	Length of Hospitalization, If Applicable None
Estimated Value of Property Damage: \$ 341.74		Number of Customers Affected 1
Damaged Within <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Property <input type="checkbox"/> Private Property		Photos of Damaged Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please include copies)

PART F – EXCAVATION

Was a locate requested from North Dakota One-Call?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Locate Ticket Number	Start Date on Ticket 8/15/2013
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Did excavator wait until the start date/time on the ticket before commencing excavation?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

PART G – MARKING

Were facilities marked?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Were utility/facility marks visible in the area of excavation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Were the utility/facilities marked correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Was the facility marked accurately within 24 inches horizontally?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Did the excavator use reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

PART H – DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Description of Event
On or about 11:00 am on September 13, 2013 Northern Excavating made contact with a natural gas distribution service with a track-hoe, interrupting service to 1 customer. They were digging at the intersection of Main and Rail Road Ave. under locate ticket 13132425, which was dated August 15th, with no update called in until after the contact.

Description of Event Continued

[Empty box for description of event]

PART I – SIGNATURE

Signature of Person Filing Complaint <i>Paul Whaley</i>	Date <i>11/19/13</i>
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Please include additional documents and photos, if applicable.

***If you are filing on behalf of a company, please provide information supporting your authority to file this complaint.**

Send Completed, Original Complaint To:
Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480
Telephone: (701) 328-2400

Email to the Commission