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August 21, 2014

Robert L. Lindberg
Northern Excavating Co., Inc.
PO Box 1108
Jamestown, ND 58402-1108

Re: One-Call Excavation Notice System: North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-23

Dear Mr. Lindberg:

Enclosed is a copy of a Third Party Damage Complaint, against Northern Excavating Co., Inc. received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on March 20, 2014, from Shane Hart, Assistant General Manager at Reservation Telephone Cooperative of Parshall, ND Case Number PU-14-134. The location of damage identified in the complaint is Second Street and Central Avenue in Ross, ND.

We originally sent you this complaint on March 21, 2014 to which you responded on April 2, 2014 that Northern Excavating Co., Inc. was not working in the area of the break on the specified date. Upon further review of the incident, we found that the event date originally listed (August 2, 2013) was incorrect. The actual event date was August 21, 2013.

We are sending you this information so that you are aware of the filing and have an opportunity to present any information you may have to assist us in processing this case. Please respond to Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, North Dakota Public Service Commission, by **September 4, 2014**, with your written account of the event, including the applicable One Call locate ticket number for work performed at the address indicated.

Your response, the Third Party Damage Complaint, and other available information will be reviewed to determine the next step in this matter. If, from its investigation, staff concludes there was a violation of the One Call Law, staff may proceed to file a formal complaint. If Commission staff determines it should file a formal complaint, staff will attempt to contact you before the complaint is filed.

Please contact me at 701-328-3397 or at vschock@nd.gov with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Victor Schock
Compliance and Competitive Markets Division

enc: Third Party Damage Complaint, with attachments
c: Shane Hart, Reservation Telephone Cooperative

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Letter correcting March 21, 2014 letter to Northern
Excavating Co., Inc.

Public Service Commission

Victor Schock

NORTHERN EXCAVATING CO., INC.

Robert Lindberg
President



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April 2, 2014

Public Service Commission
Julie Prescott/Public Utilities Division
600 East Boulevard Dept. 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

RE: Third Party Damage Complaint March 21, 2014

Dear Julie:

In regards to the above referenced complaint, Northern Excavating Co., Inc. was not working in the location of the alleged area.

Northern Excavating Co. Inc. was installing valves at Railroad Ave. and 3rd St. West at the time of the alleged complaint.

Northern Excavating Co. Inc. does not take responsibility for the alleged damages to the Reservation Telephone Cooperative Complaint.

If you desire further information please contact our office at 701-252-5967.

Sincerely,

Robert Lindberg
President

Cc: file

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Response to third-party damage complaint

Northern Excavating Co., Inc.
Robert Lindberg, President



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March 21, 2014

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Jamestown, ND 58402-1108

Dear Mr. Lindberg:

Enclosed is a copy of a Third Party Damage Complaint (Complaint) against Northern Excavating Co., Inc., received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on March 20, 2014, from Shane Hart, Assistant General Manager at Reservation Telephone Cooperative of Parshall, ND (Case Number PU-14-134). The location of damage identified in the complaint is Second Street and Central Avenue in Ross, ND.

Please respond to Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, North Dakota Public Service Commission, by **April 4, 2014**, with your written account of this alleged event, including the applicable One Call locate ticket number for work performed at the address indicated. Your response, the complaint, and other available information will be reviewed to determine whether Commission staff will file a formal complaint.

Your response should also address the following criteria used to determine the amount of civil penalty, if any, to be recommended by Commission staff as part of a formal complaint:

- a) The nature, circumstances, and severity of the complaint;
- b) The degree of suspected fault on the part of Northern Excavating Co., Inc.;
- c) Northern Excavating Co., Inc.'s history of prior violations or complaints;
- d) Northern Excavating Co., Inc.'s ability to pay;
- e) Any good faith effort by Northern Excavating Co., Inc., in attempting to achieve compliance; and
- f) The effect the penalty may have on Northern Excavating Co., Inc.'s ability to continue in business.

North Dakota Century Code section 49-07-01.1 provides for a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation of the One Call law.

Please contact me at 701-328-4188 or at jprescott@nd.gov with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Julie Prescott
Public Utilities Division

Enc: Third Party Damage Complaint
c: Shane Hart, Reservation Telephone Cooperative

**THIRD PARTY DAMAGE COMPLAINT**

Public Service Commission

SFN 59067 (11-12)

**PART A -- WHO IS SUBMITTING THIS COMPLAINT**

Information Being Submitted By ☐ Individual ☒ Company*	Company/Organization RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	Person Filing Information SHANE HART	Position ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
Address of Person Filing Information PO BOX 68	City PARSHALL	State ND	Zip Code 58770
Telephone Number 701.862.3115	Email Address SHANEH@RETEL.COM	Date 11/29/2013	

PART B -- WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED THE ONE-CALL REGULATIONS

Name of Excavator NORTHERN EXCAVATING		Telephone Number 701.252.5967	
Address PO BOX 1108	City JAMESTOWN	State ND	Zip Code 58402
Name of Entity for Which Excavation Was Performed CITY OF ROSS		Telephone Number	
Address	City ROSS	State ND	Zip Code 58776

PART C -- TIME AND LOCATION OF THE EVENT

Date and Time of Event 08/02/2013	Address of the Excavation and/or Damage ROSS CITY, 2ND ST & CENTRAL AVENUE		
County MOUNTRAIL	City ROSS	State ND	Zip Code 58776

PART D -- FACILITY INVOLVED

Type of Facility Involved TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Operator of Facility and Contact Person (if known) RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE		
Address PO BOX 68	City PARSHALL	State ND	Zip Code 58770
Telephone Number 701.862.3115	Email Address (if known)		
Brief Description of Facility Involved			

PART E – DAMAGE (If applicable)

Fatalities	Injuries	Length of Hospitalization, If Applicable
Estimated Value of Property Damage: \$ \$1,522.51		Number of Customers Affected 2
Damaged Within ☒ Public Property ☐ Private Property		Photos of Damaged Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, please include copies)

PART F – EXCAVATION

Was a locate requested from North Dakota One-Call?	
☒ Yes Locate Ticket Number ☐ No ☐ Unknown	Start Date on Ticket 08/02/2013
Did excavator wait until the start date/time on the ticket before commencing excavation?	
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown ☐ N/A	
Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation?	
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown ☐ N/A	

PART G – MARKING

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

PART H – DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Description of Event CONTRACTOR CUT A 4 FIBER DROP (2ND TIME) AND A 2 FIBER DROP

Description of Event Continued

PART I - SIGNATURE

Signature of Person Filing Complaint

SHANE D HART

Date

11/29/2013

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:

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Telephone: (701) 328-2400

Email to the Commission