



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 Northwest Communications Cooperative	Person Filing Information Jason Hill	Position Construction Supervisor	
Address of Person Filing Information 111 Railroad Ave	City Ray	State ND	Zip Code 58849	
Telephone Number 701-568-3331	Email Address jasonh@nccray.com	Date 1-21-14		

PART B – WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED THE ONE-CALL REGULATIONS

Name of Excavator Rocky Mountain Contractors		Telephone Number 406-855-0100		
Address PO Box 8688	City Kalispell	State MT	Zip Code 59004	
Name of Entity for Which Excavation Was Performed Montana Dakota Utilities		Telephone Number 701-222-7900		
Address 400 N 4th St	City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58501	

PART C – TIME AND LOCATION OF THE EVENT

Date and Time of Event 1-18-14 @ 1:36 pm	Address of the Excavation and/or Damage 20th St & Hwy 40			
County Williams	City Tioga	State ND	Zip Code 58852	

PART D – FACILITY INVOLVED

Type of Facility Involved Telecommunications	Operator of Facility and Contact Person (if known) Northwest Communications Cooperative, Jason Hill			
Address 111 Railroad Ave	City Ray	State ND	Zip Code 58849	
Telephone Number 701-568-3331	Email Address (if known) jasonh@nccray.com			
Brief Description of Facility Involved Copper telecommunications cable north of Tioga.				

PART E – DAMAGE (If applicable)

Fatalities	Injuries	Length of Hospitalization, If Applicable
Estimated Value of Property Damage: \$		Number of Customers Affected
Damaged Within <input type="checkbox"/> Public Property <input type="checkbox"/> Private Property		Photos of Damaged Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 #14000733 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Start Date on Ticket 1-8-14
Did excavator wait until the start date/time on the ticket before commencing excavation? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Were the utility/facilities marked correctly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

PART H – DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

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Description of Event Continued

PART I – SIGNATURE

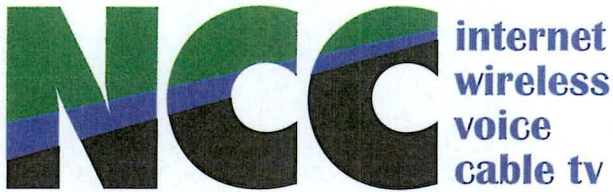
Signature of Person Filing Complaint <i>Jan 7 H</i>	Date <i>3-4-14</i>
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Please include additional documents and photos, if applicable.

*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



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1-21-14

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Construction Supervisor

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701-705-0193
jasonh@nccray.com

NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL

Ticket No:	14000733	LORG RESPOT	RELOCATE
Update Of:	13213709		
Transmit Date:	01/06/2014	Time: 16:15	Op: iapetti
Original Call Date:	01/06/2014	Time: 16:13	Op: iapetti
Work to Begin Date:	01/08/2014	Time: 16:15	

Caller Information

Company:	ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONTRACTORS	Fax Number:	(406) 855-0100
Contact Name:	DAN SANTANEN	Contact Phone:	(406) 855-0100 Ext:
Contact Email:	dan.santanen@rmcontractors.com		
Alt. Contact Name:	DAN /CELL	Alt. Contact Phone:	(970) 380-0815

Dig Site Information

Type of Work:	INSTALL NEW POWER POLES AND INSTALL UG WIRE		
Work Being Done For:	M D U		
Explosives:	N	Depth: 8 FT	Tunneling/Boring: N

Dig Site Location

State: ND	County: WILLIAMS	Place: TIOGA CITY
Address:		
Street:	20TH ST	
Nearest Intersecting Street:	STATE HWY 40	

Extent of Work:

MARK - 500 FT WEST OF HWY 40 AND 1500 FT SOUTH OF 20TH STREET - ALONG THE WHITE FLAGGED POLE ROUTE SOUTH OF 20TH ST - ALL WORK WILL START FROM ABOVE INTERSECTION

Remarks:

Twp: 157N	Rng: 95W	Sect-Qtr: 22-NE,22-SE
Twp: 157N	Rng: 95W	Sect-Qtr: 22-SE,22-NE
ExCoord NW Lat: 48.416	Lon: -102.940043	SE Lat: 48.401465 Lon: -102.929171

Members

District Code	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Damage/Repair	Customer Service
HESSCO01	HESS CORPORATION	(701)664-6401		
MDU12	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	(406)728-9343	NULL	NULL
MOUNT01	MOUNTRAIL/WILLIAMS ELECTRIC CO	(701)577-3765	NULL	NULL
NOVACC01	NOVA CHEMICALS CORPORATION	(403)314-7994		
NWCOMM02	NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOP	(406)274-4149		
TESORO02	TESORO HIGH PLAINS PIPELINE	(316)773-9000	NULL	NULL
TIOGA01	CITY OF TIOGA	(701)641-3550	NULL	NULL
WILSTN01	WBI ENERGY TRANSMISSION	(888)859-7291		

Wayne 406-431-7261





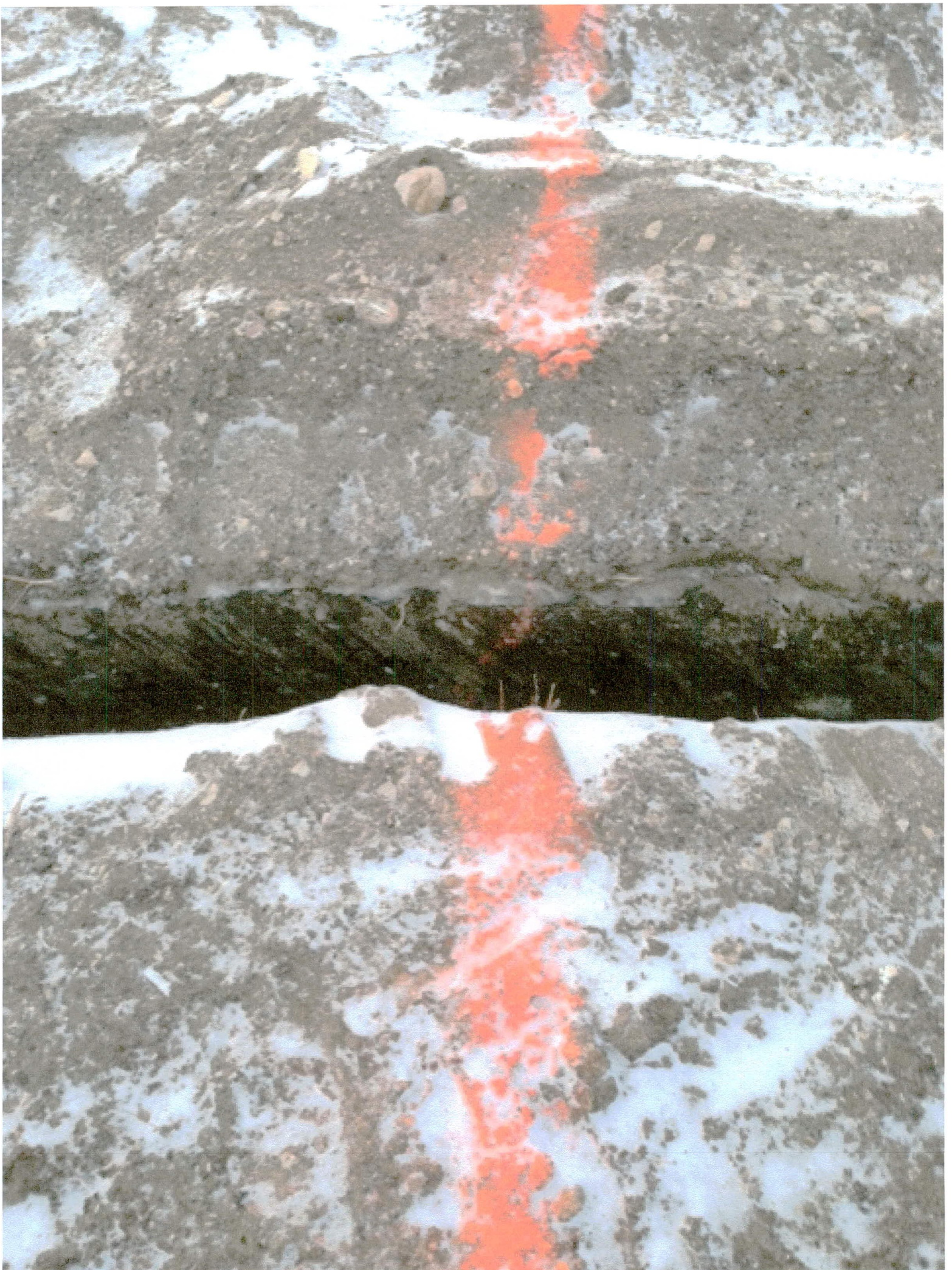








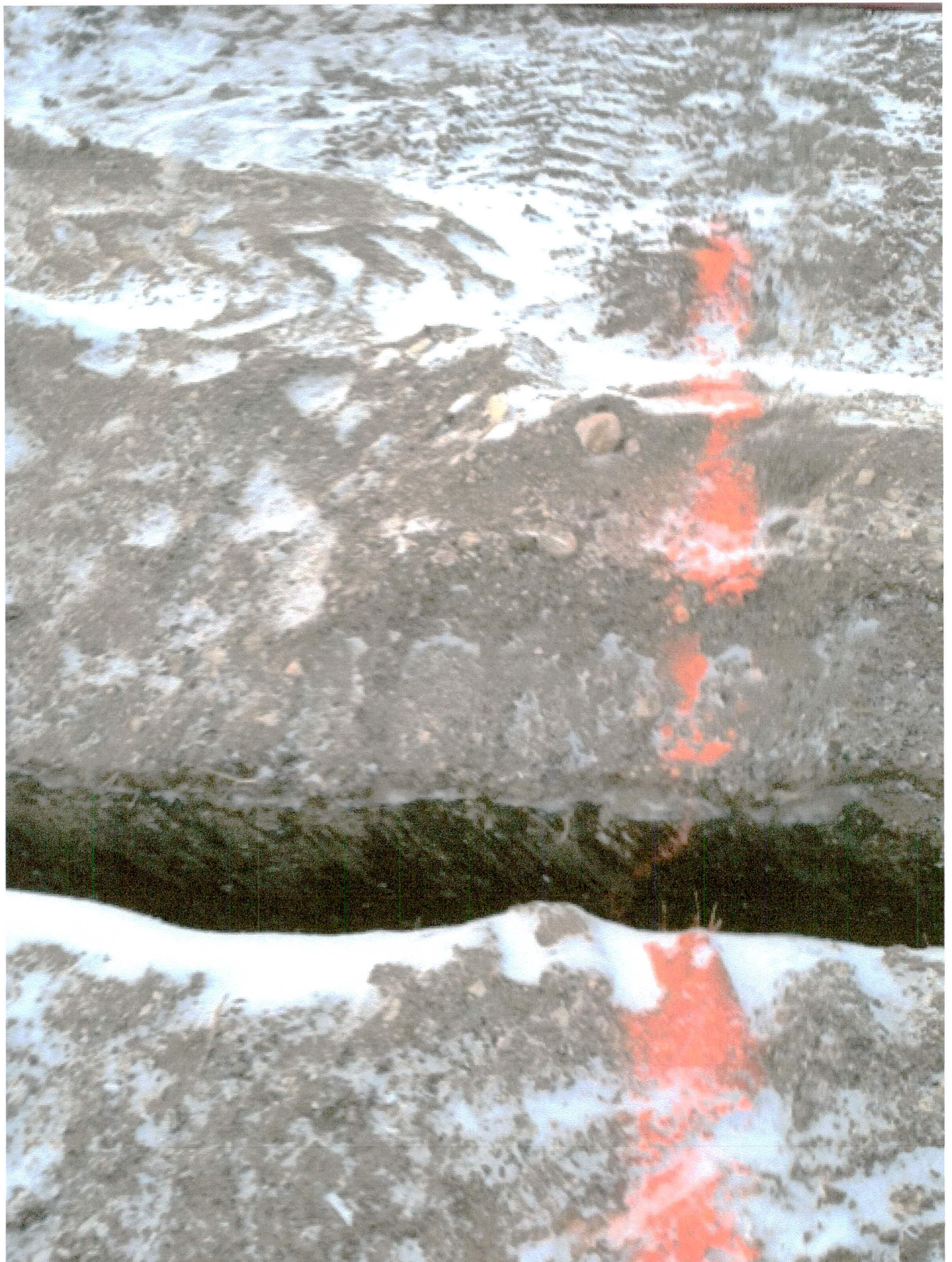
















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PO Box 38
Ray, ND 58849-0038

INVOICE: 1233

Invoice Date: 02/17/2014
Terms: NET30
Due Date: 03/19/2014
Amount Due: \$ 745.20

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONTRACTING
PO BOX 8688
KALISPELL MT 59904

Account: 282
Description: CABLE CUT BY TRENCHER IN THE TIOGA EXCHANGE ON 1/20/14 - OPERATOR, WAYNE Page 1 of 1

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	TAX
CATALOG ITEM: CABLE CUT MISC CHGS 1280	14.000	EA	2.3000	32.20	
CATALOG ITEM: CABLE CUT MISC CHGS SPLICE CASES	2.000	EA	63.0000	126.00	
CATALOG ITEM: CABLE CUT MISC CHGS SCOTCHLOKS	100.000	EA	0.1700	17.00	
CATALOG ITEM: LABOR JON, DALLAS & BRADY	6.000	EA	95.0000	570.00	

MESSAGES

Subtotal:	\$ 745.20
Tax:	\$ 0.00
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Amount Paid:	\$ 0.00
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