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May 8, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Case No. PU-17-147**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

This letter responds to the letter from Victor Schock dated April 21, 2017 providing a One Call Complaint filed by Matt Olson at Veit & Company Inc. (“Veit”), regarding an incident at the intersection of Old Red Trail and Highland Road West in Mandan, North Dakota.

Based on discussions with the company we contract with to perform locates and our records, we understand that the following activities took place.

On March 31, 2017, Ticket No. 17012067 was opened. That ticket requested locates be performed to accommodate a project for “valve adjustments and grading” for the city of Mandan.<sup>1</sup> The ticket requested that work be completed before work commenced on April 4, 2017 and stated:

Work is to be performed from 100 Feet East of Highland Road West to Crown Point Road in green spaces. Green area work shall extend North and South of the new curb poured along Old Red Trail, North to the existing home property boundaries and South to 43<sup>rd</sup> St. NW.

Our contractor, Summit Utility Services, LLC (“Summit”), marked the location on April 3, 2017. In marking the property, Summit marked facilities on the North side of the road but did not mark utilities on the South side of the road.

On April 10, 2017, Veit identified an unmarked fiber facility on the South side of the road. Veit contacted CenturyLink, and there was some confusion over whether or not this issue related to an existing ticket or required a new ticket. Eventually, it was determined that this issue related to an existing ticket and unmarked facilities for CenturyLink and another provider (who also uses

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<sup>1</sup> Copy of the ticket is attached as Exhibit 1.

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Summit to mark facilities). Summit marked the facilities on the South side of the road for CenturyLink and the other provider on April 11, 2017.

CenturyLink has discussed this issue with Summit and has emphasized the need to mark all facilities required to be marked in the request. We expect that similar issues will not arise with this contractor.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KA Blickensderfer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kent Blickensderfer  
State Legislative Affairs Director

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Enclosure

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of May, 2017, the original and seven copies of the attached were served upon the following party:

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Dianne Barthel

# Exhibit 1

## North Dakota One Call

Ticket No: 17012067

LORQ ROUTINE

Updated by: [17021942](#)

Original Call Date: 03/31/17 09:53 am

Op: webusr6

Work to Begin Date: 04/04/17 10:00 am

Op: iachels

TICKET ACTIONS

CALLER INFORMATION

Company Name: VEIT & CO.

Fax Phone: 701-667-7670

Contact Name: JIM HOLMAN

Phone: 612-865-9480

Alt Contact: ROB FETHERSON

Alt. Phone: 612-919-0134

Caller Address: 2801 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY MANDAN, ND 58554

Email Address: [molson@veitusa.com](mailto:molson@veitusa.com)

DIG SITE INFORMATION

Type of Work: VALVE ADJUSTMENTS & GRADING

Work Being Done For: KLJ / CITY OF MANDAN

Depth: OVER 10FT

Explosives: N

Tunneling/Boring: N

DIG SITE LOCATION

County: MORTON

Place: MANDAN

Address:

Street: OLD RED TRAIL

Intersecting Street: 37TH ST NW

Location of Work: WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED FROM 100 FEET EAST OF HIGHLAND ROAD WEST TO CROWN POINT ROAD IN THE GREEN SPACES. GREEN AREA WORK SHALL EXTEND NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE NEW CURB POURED ALONG OLD RED TRAIL, NORTH TO THE EXISTING HOME PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AND SOUTH TO 43RD ST. NW.

Remarks: CALLER REQUESTS AREA BE MARKED WITH PAINT AND FLAGS

Caller Twp: 139N

Rng: 81W

Sect-Qtr: 8-SW-SE, 17-NW-NE

Map Twp: 139N

Rng: 81W

Sect-Qtr: 18-NE,17-NW,8,7-SE-NE

Map Coord NW Lat: 46.8718793

Lon: -100.9446636

SE Lat: 46.8642329

Lon: -100.9338194

MEMBERS NOTIFIED

**District Company Name Marking Concerns Status**

CTLND01	CTLQL-CENTURYLINK	800-283-4237	Does not participate in Ticket Check
MANDAN01	CITY OF MANDAN	701-667-4050	Does not participate in Ticket Check
MDU09	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	406-728-9343	Does not participate in Ticket Check
MIDCON08	MIDCONTINENT CABLE	406-728-9343	Does not participate in Ticket Check
MORGRN04	MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC CO-OP	406-207-3178	Does not participate in Ticket Check
MOWEST01	MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM	701-391-6053	Does not participate in Ticket Check
TESORO02	TESORO HIGH PLAINS PIPELINE	701-456-9770	Clear/No conflict

Interactive Map