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November 18, 2019

Ryan Weibye
Heartland Excavating, LLC
709 4th St E
Horace, ND 58047-4633

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

Dear Ryan:

Enclosed is a copy of a ND One-Call Complaint, against Heartland Excavating, LLC, received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on November 15, 2019, from Dawn Roness at Montana Dakota Utilities, of Minot, ND, Case Number PU-19-365. The location of the damage identified in the complaint is approximately 1106 NW 4th Ave, Minot, ND.

I am sending you this information so that you are aware of the complaint and may respond with information concerning the complaint. **Please respond to Executive Secretary, North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 by December 6, 2019**, with your written account of the event, including the applicable One Call locate ticket number for work performed at the address indicated.

Your response and the ND One-Call Complaint will be reviewed to determine whether there may be a violation of the One-Call Excavation Notice System law.

If I do not receive a response by the date noted, I will determine whether there was a violation, without your side of the story, based on the facts contained in this complaint. If I conclude a violation did occur I will file a formal complaint against Heartland Excavating, LLC with the Commission, which may result in a penalty up to \$25,000 per violation as approved by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly in 2013 under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-07-01.1.

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

Sincerely,

Victor Schock
Public Utilities Division
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Enc: ND One-Call Complaint
c: Dawn Roness

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Letter enclosing North Dakota One-Call Complaint

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Victor Schock



ND ONE-CALL COMPLAINT

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SFN 59067 (5-17)

To allege a violation of the One-Call Excavation Notice System Law: North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-23

PART A – WHO IS SUBMITTING THIS COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT)

Company/Person Montana Dakota Utilities / Dawn Roness	Street Address 1130 20th Ave SW	City Minot	State and Zip Code ND 58701
Telephone and Cell Phone Number 701 857-9902	Email Address dawn.roness@mdu.com		Date 11/15/19
<input type="checkbox"/> Complainant is willing and able to testify on the complaint if matter goes to formal hearing			

PART B – WHO VIOLATED THE ONE-CALL REGULATIONS (RESPONDENT)

Company/Person Heartland Excavating	Street Address 709 4th St E	City Horace	State and Zip Code ND 58047
Telephone and Cell Phone Number 701 356-5325		Email Address unknown	

PART C – ALLEGED VIOLATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Operator failed to provide or update the information provided to the notification center on a timely basis <input type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to provide excavation or location notice at least 48 hours before beginning any excavation <input type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to provide required information in excavation or location notice <input type="checkbox"/> Notification center failed to transmit the notice to every operator that has an underground facility in the area of the excavation <input type="checkbox"/> Notification center failed to inform the excavator of the names of operators of underground facilities in the area <input type="checkbox"/> Operator failed to locate and mark underground facility within 48 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation started prior to underground facility locate <input type="checkbox"/> Operator failed to mark underground facility within 24 inches horizontally <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to renew excavation or location request prior to the expiration of the twenty-one-day period <input type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to conduct the excavation in a careful and prudent manner to avoid damage of underground facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to maintain the markings during excavation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (identify the specific section of NDCC Chapter 49-23) _____
Location of Violation: 1106 NW 4th Ave, Minot ND 58701
Date and Time of Violation: 11/1/19 3:12 pm
Description (summarize the observations on which you rely to allege the violation) <i>If more space is required, please provide the description on a separate page.</i> Excavator was working on expired locate and all flags and markings were wiped out.

PART D – DAMAGE

Fatalities None	Injuries None	In-patient Hospitalization None
Underground facility type(s) and Operator(s) affected: Plastic 2" gas main cut in two with blowing gas. Montana Dakota Utilities		
Estimated Value of Damage (damage as defined under NDCC Chapter 49-23): \$		Number of Customers Affected
Other impact of event: Seven customers were without gas service for approximately 1 1/2 hours while construction crew eliminated flow of gas and made final repairs.		
Please attach photos of Event Area or Damaged Facility		

PART I – SIGNATURE

Signature of Person Filing Complaint Dawn Roness - Field Operations Supervisor Minot District	Date 11/15/19
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Submit

If the "Submit" function is not working properly, please print the completed form and then either **email to** ndpsc@nd.gov, **fax to** 701-328-2410 or **send to** Public Service Commission, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408, Bismarck ND 58505-0480.

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