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Please file as a response in case PU-20-201

Thanks,

Victor Schock

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Victor Schock,
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: ND One-Call Complaint, Case Number PU-20-201

Dear Victor:

On behalf of SKS Construction, LLP, I'm providing my written account of the event described in the complaint from Mr. David Willgohs.

First, I'd like to say that our company takes safety very seriously and throughout our 18-year history we have been diligent about submitting locate requests prior to any excavation of job sites.

Regarding the incident cited in the complaint, the home owner submitted for locates in the Fall of 2019 for the installation of his driveway, which he completed himself (ND One-Call Customer Number 17-0042153, Ticket Number 9034200). SKS Construction was unable to complete our portion of the project (the approach) last Fall due to the City of Fargo closing permits for the construction season, due to cold weather. I understand that I should have submitted for new locates this Spring, rather than use the previous locates when we returned to install the approach.

I decided to proceed with the work knowing that only the gas line was in the dig area and we would not exceed the depth of the existing curb and gutter. During the installation process we worked within a depth of less than 12". In his description of the events, Mr. Willgohs paints a picture that we are a company that operates rogue and disregards safety procedures, and this simply is not the case.

Moving forward we will continue to follow safety protocol in regard to submitting locates. Please contact me with any follow up questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

Travis Steffan
Owner
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SKS Construction, LLP

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