



# Public Service Commission

## State of North Dakota

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April 20, 2021

Curt Olson  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
1130 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Minot, ND 58701

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

Dear Curt:

Enclosed is a copy of a ND One-Call Complaint, against Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on April 14, 2021, from Corinne Houim at Central Trenching, Inc., of Minot, ND, Case Number PU-21-142. The location of the damage identified in the complaint is approximately the intersection of 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and 4<sup>th</sup> St SW, 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 May 4, 2021**, 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 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 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](mailto: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: Corinne Houim

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**Letter enclosing North Dakota One-Call Complaint**

Public Service Commission  
Victor Schock



# ND ONE-CALL COMPLAINT

Public Service Commission

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 Central Trenching Inc / Corinne Houlm	Street Address 500 50th St SW	City Minot	State and Zip Code ND 58701
Telephone and Cell Phone Number 701-837-8378	Email Address chouim@centraltrenchinginc.com		Date 04/14/2021
<input checked="" 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 Montana-Dakota Utilities	Street Address 1130 20th Ave SW	City Minot	State and Zip Code ND 58701
Telephone and Cell Phone Number 701-857-9902	Email Address		

## 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to maintain the markings during excavation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Identify the specific section of NDCC Chapter 49-23) <u>Utility failed to locate 2" main gas line in correct spot</u>
Location of Violation: 37th & 4th St SW
Date and Time of Violation: 5/19/2020 10:52 am
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> ELM was off 9-1/2' with their locates - pictures and locate ticket attached

## PART D – DAMAGE

Fatalities	Injuries	In-patient Hospitalization
Underground facility type(s) and Operator(s) affected: Gas - MDU		
Estimated Value of Damage (damage as defined under NDCC Chapter 49-23): \$ unknown	Number of Customers Affected unknown	
Other impact of event: incident caused CTI to shut their crew down for half a day and caused CTI to re-setup and start the bore over again		
Please attach photos of Event Area or Damaged Facility		

## PART E – SIGNATURE

Signature of Person Filing Complaint 	Date 04/14/2021
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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.

Telephone: (701) 328-2400

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North Dakota One-Call Complaint  
Central Trenching Inc  
Corinne Houlm

**Corinne Houim**

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**From:** nd@occinc.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Corinne Houim  
**Subject:** Ticket-20037761

## North Dakota One Call

**Ticket No:** 20037761 LORQ ROUTINE  
**Original Call Date:** 05/07/20 04:18 pm  
**Work to Begin Date:** 05/12/20 12:01 am  
**Expiration Date:** 06/02/20 12:01 am

**Caller Information**

**Company Name:** CENTRAL TRENCHING INC  
**Contact Name:** NANCY WESTMAN **Phone:** (701)837-8378  
**Alt. Contact:** ADAM TRUEBLOOD - 1ST **Alt. Phone:** (701)833-3489  
**Caller Address:** 5200 7TH AVE **Caller ID:** 920  
MINOT, ND 58701  
**Email Address:** nwestman@centraltrenching.com

**Dig Site Information**

**Type of Work:** INSTALL URD CABLE  
**Work Being Done For:** MIDCO  
**White Lining/Site Identification:** WHITE MARKING  
**Depth:** 8FT **Explosives:** N **Tunneling/Boring:** Y

**Dig Site Location**

**County:** WARD **Place:** MINOT  
**City Limits:** Y  
**Address:** 414  
**Street:** 37TH AVE SW  
**Intersecting Street:** 4TH ST SW

**Location of Work:**

MARK 50 FEET EITHER SIDE OF THE FLAGGED ROUTE - WHITE FLAGGED ROUTE. MARK FOLLOWING THE ROUTE SSW FOR 10 FEET, THEN W 445 FEET. FROM THE INTERSECTION OF 37TH AVE SW AND 4TH ST SW, HEAD NORTH ON 4TH ST SW FOR 137 FT, HEAD E FOR 20 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF THE ROUTE.

**Remarks:**

**Caller Twp:** **Rng:** **Sect-Qtr:**  
**Map Twp:** 155N **Rng:** 83W **Sect-Qtr:** 35-SE  
**Map Coord NW Lat:** 48.1971190 **Lon:** -101.3008466 **SE Lat:** 48.1967373 **Lon:** -101.2985105

Clone State Email Ticket Return to Search

North Dakota One Call

Ticket No: 2003751  
 Original Call Date: 05/07/20 04:18 pm  
 Work to Begin Date: 05/12/20 12:01 am  
 Expiration Date: 06/02/20 12:01 am

LORQ ROUTINE  
 Op: webuser3  
 Op: webuser3

TICKET ACTIONS

Add Public Attachment

CALLER INFORMATION

Company Name: CENTRAL TRENCHING INC  
 Contact Name: NANCY WESTLIAN  
 Alt Contact: ADAM TREBERLOOD - 1ST  
 Caller Address: 5200 7TH AVE MINOT, ND 58701  
 Email Address: nwestliam@centraltrenching.com

Phone: 701-837-8378  
 Alt. Phone: 701-833-3489

DIG SITE INFORMATION

Type of Work: INSTALL URD CABLE  
 Work Being Done For: MIDCO  
 Depth: 8 FT  
 Trenching/Boring: Y

Explosives: N  
 White Lining/Size Identification: WHITE MARKING

DIG SITE LOCATION

County: WARD  
 City Limits: Y  
 Address: 414  
 Street: 37TH AVE SW  
 Intersecting Street: 4TH ST SW  
 Location of Work: MARK 50 FEET EITHER SIDE OF THE FLAGGED ROUTE - WHITE FLAGGED ROUTE. MARK FOLLOWING THE ROUTE SSW FOR 10 FEET, THEN W 443 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF 37TH AVE SW AND 4TH ST SW; HEAD NORTH ON 4TH ST SW FOR 137 FT, HEAD E FOR 20 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF THE ROUTE.  
 Remarks:  
 Map Type: 115N  
 Map Coord SW Lat: 48.1971190  
 SE Lat: 48.1967273

Place: MINOT

Rag: 83W

Lat: -101.3008466  
 Lon: -101.2985109

Sect Qtr: 35-SE

MEMBERS NOTIFIED

District	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Status
MIDU01	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	406-728-9343	Marked
MIDCON26	MIDCONTINENT CABLE	605-271-0202	Marked
MINOT01	CITY OF MINOT WATER SEWER DEPT	701-857-4140	Marked (Not to Exceed 4 Feet if Deeper Call 701-833-7387)
MINOT02	CITY OF MINOT LIGHTING SIGNALS	701-857-4100	Clear/No conflict
NDXCEL01	XCEL ENERGY	800-848-7558	Clear/No conflict
SOURIS01	SOURIS RIVER TELECOMMUNICATION	888-355-2515	Marked
VEREND01	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	888-355-2515	Marked

Status History

Interactive Map

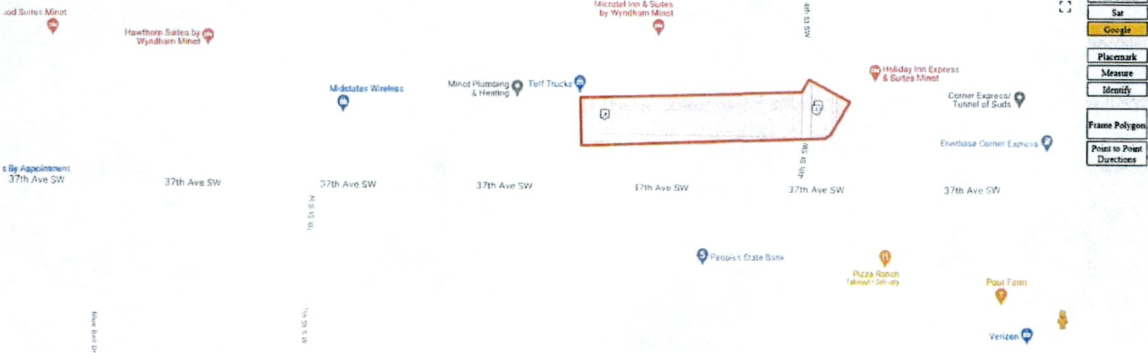
Legend:  Cause Polygon

Popup Map Hide Map

Advance Alternate Search

Search Map

Lat Lon: 48.197612 -101.299581





Central Trenching Inc.

# General Liability Incident Report

NO one call ticket #  
200377601

Incident Information			
Type of Incident:	Property-Equipment Damage	Personal Injury	Theft
Hit gas line			
Date of Incident:	5-19-20		
Time Incident:	10:30am		
Date Reported:	5-19-20	Person Reported to:	M.Du (1800 M.Du Fast) + 911
Time Reported:	10:52am	Company Vehicle Unit # involved:	
Incident Location (Be as specific as possible):			
37th Ave + 4th St SW			
Frontage Rd Between Microtel + Holiday Inn Express			
Incident Description - What Happened (Be as specific as possible, use separate sheet if necessary)			
We hit an unmarked gas main. E/M was off 9 1/2'			
I emailed pictures			
Was A Third Party Involved?    Yes    No			
Third Party Name:		Telephone#	
Property - Equipment Damage			
Owner(s) Name:	M.Du	Address:	
City:	Minnetonka	State:	Zip
Telephone#:			
Type of Property and Extent of Damage:			
2" gas main			
Witnesses to Accident/Incident: M.Du, Adam's crew Jason Stradlin, Justin Mathison, Nikola Topolski, Adam Trueblood			
Was there pictures taken of the damages? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If yes by whom:			
Report prepared by: Adam Trueblood		Date: 5-19-20	







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