

April 22, 2021

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

Re: ND One-Call Excavation Notice: North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-23 (PU-21-142)

Dear Victor,

This letter is in response to the ND One-Call Complaint against Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) filed April 14, 2021, by Central Trenching Inc. of Minot ND (CTI), Case Number PU-21-142. My incident review has found the damage occurred as a result of ELM, a subcontract locator for MDU, failing to accurately mark the underground gas main. The locating paint marks were off by approximately 9 feet. ELM stated that the locator's signal must have bled off onto a cable line resulting in ELM's inaccurate locate. The inaccurate locate thus led to the excavator damaging the gas facilities.

MDU takes these matters very seriously. Upon being notified of the damage, MDU promptly responded by causing crews to immediately secure the area to repair the damaged line. MDU repaired the facilities at no cost to CTI. Finally, it has addressed this issue with ELM, and is committed to the prevention of future incidents.

If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 701-857-9901.

Sincerely



Curt Olson
District Manager