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Director,

In response to a complaint filed by Betty & Terry Clementich Against
Norwest Concrete, Mike Small, of Minot ND. NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I installed 4 or 5 posts at the Clementich residence. And no, I did not call 811. It was my understanding that if the holes were hand dug, 811 was not needed? No auger or power was used. And I don't remember the depth, but since the posts were not structural and are encased in concrete, I don't know why i would have dug any deeper than 12-18 inches. I was digging 12 inches from where the power turned vertical up the house wall, so i knew where the power line was. I received a call from Excel Energy in Oct 2020 telling me I had hit a wire and I was to be charged \$550.00 for the repair, which I paid. I was unaware and didn't knowingly try to conceal the damage. I was told the nick was very small and that's why it didnt cause problems until 4 months later.

I've been a contractor for over 30 yrs and have never had a complaint of any kind filed against me until the Clementich case. If I am found to be in violation, please believe it was not an intentional deception.

Thank you,
Mike Small
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