



# Public Service Commission State of North Dakota

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**RESPONSE REQUIRED BY  
JULY 14, 2023**

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June 20, 2023

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Aznorth LLC  
PO Box 152  
Bainville MT 59212-0152

Aznorth LLC  
Daniel G Smith  
2202 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Watford City ND 58854

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

Enclosed is a copy of the North Dakota One-Call Complaint against Aznorth LLC received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on June 19, 2023, from ONEOK Rockies Midstream, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Case Number DM-23-229. The location identified in the complaint is the southwest edge of Williston, North Dakota (48.114291, -103.737153).

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 July 14, 2023**, with your written account of the event, including the applicable One-Call locate ticket number(s) for work performed at the location indicated above and in connection with the enclosed complaint.

Your response and the North Dakota 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 with the Commission a formal complaint against Aznorth LLC, which may result in a penalty up to \$25,000 per violation in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 49-07-01.1.

Please contact me at 701-328-4097 or [kcrockford@nd.gov](mailto:kcrockford@nd.gov) with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Konrad Crockford  
Director, Compliance Division

Enc: North Dakota One-Call Complaint

c: Alex Holland  
ONEOK Rockies Midstream

2 DM-23-229 Filed 06/20/2023 Pages: 2  
Letter enclosing North Dakota One-Call Complaint  
Public Service Commission  
Konrad Crockford



**ONE-CALL COMPLAINT**  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
SFN 59067 (08/2022)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To allege a violation of the One-Call Excavation Notice System (N.D.C.C. Chapter 49-23), complete this form in its entirety.

**SECTION I – COMPLAINANT (Individual/entity completing form)**

Company/Entity Name (if applicable) ONEOK Rockies Midstream			
Contact Person Alex Holland	Email Address alex.holland@oneok.com	Telephone Number 9185951587	
Mailing Address 100 West Fifth Street	City Tulsa	State OK	Zip Code 74103
Complainant is willing and able to testify on the complaint if matter proceeds to a formal hearing.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

**SECTION II – RESPONDENT (Individual/entity who allegedly violated the One-Call law)**

Company/Entity Name (if applicable) AZNorth			
Contact Person Joe Eastes	Email Address	Telephone Number 928-978-4255	
Mailing Address PO BOX 152	City BAINVILLE	State MT	Zip Code 59212

**SECTION III – ALLEGED VIOLATION**

<b>OPERATOR – A person or entity who owns or operates an underground facility (i.e.: natural gas, electric, sewer, etc.).</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Operator failed to mark or clear underground facility within locate period.	<input type="checkbox"/> Operator failed to mark underground facility within 24 inches horizontally.
<b>EXCAVATOR – A person or entity who conducts excavation (i.e.: homeowner, property owner, company, etc.).</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excavation started prior to underground facility locate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to provide locate notice prior to beginning excavation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to conduct the excavation in a careful and prudent manner.	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavator failed to renew locate request prior to expiration of the 21-day period.
<b>OTHER – May be issue/concern with One-Call Center or other alleged violation that is not listed under operator or excavator.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write Issue/Concern: _____	

**SECTION IV – DESCRIPTION/DAMAGE**

Date and Time of Event 6/13/2023 15:15 MDT	Location (Address, City, State / Nearest Intersecting Streets / Lat & Long) 48.114291, -103.737153 Williston, ND	One-Call Ticket Number N/A
Underground Facility Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Cable <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer/Storm Water <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Material & Size of Underground Facility (Poly, Steel, Coated Pipe / Fiberoptic / 2 KW / 1.5 in, 2 in / etc.) 6" poly	Operator(s) Affected ONEOK Rockies Midstream	
Estimated Value of Damage \$18,155	Injuries (List Number, If Any) 0 Fatalities 0 Injuries 0 Hospitalizations	Number of Customers Affected 4
Description of the alleged violation/concern. If more space is required, attach additional page(s). ONEOK Rockies Midstream Operator received call at 3:15pm form Gas Control that a contractor had hit a gathering line. Operators responded to the reported area at 3:29pm to the SW edge of Williston. Operator found that a company installing a residential septic system had hit the 6 poly Davidson #1 line and causing gas only release. Operations had all wells locked out and the block valve to isolate the line at 3:40pm. Operators spoke with Mike Osborn the operator for AZ North Inc and they didn't have a OneCall ticket in place.		

**SECTION V – SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT**

Signature 	Printed Name Alex Holland	Date 6/19/2023
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