

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Public Service Commission
Elite Oilfield Services LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement**

Case No. DM-25-65

ORDER ON CONSENT AGREEMENT

March 5, 2026

Preliminary Statement

Elite Oilfield Services LLC (Elite Oilfield) is a domestic limited liability company with a principal address of 5229 142nd Drive Northwest, Williston, North Dakota 58801.

On January 31, 2025, the Commission received a North Dakota One-Call Complaint (Complaint) from ONEOK Rockies Midstream (ONEOK). The Complaint alleges that Elite Oilfield violated North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 49-23-04(4) of the One-Call Excavation Notice System by beginning an excavation before receiving notice that all facilities had been located or cleared.

On October 14, 2025, Staff received a response from Elite Oilfield acknowledging that Elite Oilfield began an excavation prior to the locate being completed.

On February 17, 2026, a Consent Agreement between Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff (Advocacy Staff) and Elite Oilfield was filed for the resolution of the Complaint.

Discussion

N.D.C.C. § 49-23-04(4) states “[a]n excavator may begin excavation in a location when the excavator has received notice that all facilities have been located or cleared or at the expiration of the location period or extension of the location period.”

Having investigated the alleged violation, Staff believes Elite Oilfield violated N.D.C.C. § 49-23-04(4) by beginning an excavation before receiving notice that all facilities had been located or cleared.

Elite Oilfield and Advocacy Staff engaged in good faith settlement discussions resulting in a Consent Agreement intended to avoid further administrative proceedings or litigation.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds the Consent Agreement is reasonable and acceptable. Therefore, the Commission issues the following:

Order

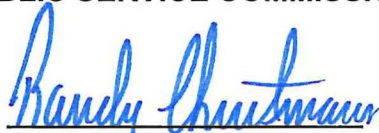
The Commission Orders:

1. The Consent Agreement between Elite Oilfield and Advocacy Staff filed with the Commission on February 17, 2026, is approved. A copy of the Consent Agreement is attached to and made a part of this Order on Consent Agreement (Order).
2. Elite Oilfield is assessed a civil penalty of \$500.
3. Elite Oilfield shall remit the \$500 civil penalty payable to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, within ten (10) business days of service of this Order.
4. Elite Oilfield agrees to provide the Commission, within ten (10) business days of service of this Order, a U.S. Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 for purposes of the identification requirement of Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)(ii), the performance is restitution, remediation, or an amount paid to come into compliance with the law.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Jill Kringstad
Commissioner

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
)	
Elite Oilfield Services LLC)	
)	
Respondent.)	

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and between Elite Oilfield Services LLC (Elite Oilfield) and the Public Service Commission (Commission) Advocacy Staff (Staff) (together, the Parties) for resolution of Case No. DM-25-65.

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Discussion

On January 27, 2025, Elite Oilfield provided an excavation notice to the North Dakota One-Call Notification Center (NDOC) with a work to begin date of January 30, 2025, to conduct an excavation to clean up a saltwater spill near the intersection of 139th Avenue NW and 52nd Street NW, Williston, North Dakota. NDOC assigned ticket number 25003254 to the excavation.

On January 28, 2025, ONEOK was alerted by the City of Williston that a contractor was excavating in the vicinity of ONEOK's 10-inch gas line. The City of Williston employee directed the contractor to stop work. The contractor in question was identified as Elite Oilfield.

Violation

Excavation Started Prior to Underground Facility Locate

N.D.C.C. § 49-23-04(4) states "[a]n excavator may begin excavation in a location when the excavator has received notice that all facilities have been located or cleared or at the expiration of the location period or extension of the location period."

Having investigated the alleged violation, Staff believes Elite Oilfield violated N.D.C.C. § 49-23-04(4) by beginning an excavation before receiving notice that all facilities had been located or cleared.

Agreement

The Parties engaged in good faith settlement discussions resulting in this Consent Agreement. Having agreed that settlement of this proceeding will avoid further

administrative proceedings or litigation and that entry of this Consent Agreement is the most appropriate means of resolving this administrative action, the Parties agree to the following, subject to the approval and acceptance of the Commission:

1. Elite Oilfield violated N.D.C.C. § 49-23-04(4) beginning an excavation before receiving notice that all facilities had been located or cleared.
2. Elite Oilfield agrees to be assessed a civil penalty of \$500.
3. Elite Oilfield agrees to remit the \$500 civil penalty, payable to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, within ten (10) business days of service of an Order accepting or approving the Consent Agreement.
4. Staff agrees no other proceeding will be initiated and no other remedy or penalty will be sought based on the violations alleged in this case.
5. Elite Oilfield consents to the filing of the Consent Agreement and an Order and hereby waives any further procedural requirements with respect to the issuance of the Order. Provided the Commission adopts this Consent Agreement and issues an Order consistent with it, Elite Oilfield understands and agrees to waive all rights to contest the violation, the right to be represented by counsel, the right to present evidence and arguments to the Commission, the right to cross-examine witnesses, or contest the validity of this Consent Agreement and Order, including all rights to administrative or judicial hearings or appeals.
6. Elite Oilfield agrees to provide the Commission with a U.S. Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 within ten (10) business days of service of an Order accepting or approving the Consent Agreement.

7. There are no covenants, promises, undertakings, or understandings other than specifically set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order.
8. This agreement may be executed in counterparts and duplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.
9. The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Elite Oilfield and bind Elite Oilfield for the purposes of this Consent Agreement and knows and fully understands the content and effect.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2026

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADVOCACY STAFF – DAMAGE PREVENTION

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Dated this 13 day of February, 2026

Elite Oilfield Services LLC

By: 

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