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**RESPONSE REQUIRED BY
September 11, 2026**

August 17, 2026

Jacob Minerath
Central Specialties Inc
6325 County Rd 87 SW
Alexandria MN 56308-5361

Business Filings Incorporated
Registered Agent for
Central Specialties Inc
120 W Sweet Ave
Bismarck ND 58504

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 Central Specialties, Inc. received by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on August 11, 2025, from North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC, Edina, Minnesota, Case Number DM-25-237. The location is identified in the complaint.

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 September 11, 2026**, with your written account of the event, including the applicable One-Call locate ticket number(s) for work performed at the location identified in the complaint 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 Central Specialties, Inc. which may result in a civil 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 with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Konrad Crockford
Director, Compliance Division

Enclosure: North Dakota One-Call Complaint



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) Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership (North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC)			
Contact Person Ryan Nelson	Email Address ryan.nelson@enbridge.com	Telephone Number (701) 509-1708	
Mailing Address 7701 France Ave S, Suite 600	City Edina	State MN	Zip Code 55435
Complainant is willing and able to testify on the complaint if matter proceeds to a formal hearing.		☒ YES	☐ NO

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

Company/Entity Name (if applicable) CSI			
Contact Person Jacob Minerath	Email Address jacob@centralspecialties.com	Telephone Number (320)808-6396	
Mailing Address 6325 Co. Rd. 87 SW	City Alexandria	State MN	Zip Code 56308

SECTION III – ALLEGED VIOLATION

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

SECTION IV – DESCRIPTION/DAMAGE

Date and Time of Event July 14, 2025	Location (Address, City, State / Nearest Intersecting Streets / Lat & Long) Lat: 48.320691, Long: -101.943986	One-Call Ticket Number 25075302
Underground Facility Affected ☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Cable ☐ Communications ☐ Water ☐ Sewer/Storm Water ☒ Petroleum ☐ Other _____		
Material & Size of Underground Facility (Poly, Steel, Coated Pipe / Fiberoptic / 2 KW / 1.5 in, 2 in / etc.) Steel		Operator(s) Affected Enbridge
Estimated Value of Damage \$2,200	Injuries (List Number, If Any) Fatalities _____ Injuries _____ Hospitalizations _____	Number of Customers Affected N/A
Description of the alleged violation/concern. If more space is required, attach additional page(s). See attached PDF letter mailed to CSI for details.		

SECTION V – SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

Signature Ryan Nelson	Printed Name Ryan Nelson	Date August 11, 2025
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Please email the completed form to ndpsc@nd.gov, fax to 701-328-2410, or mail to: Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Ryan Nelson
Damage Prevention Program Specialist
cell (701) 509-1708
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Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
7701 France Ave S.
Suite 600
Edina, MN 55435

July 31, 2025

CSI
Attn: Jacob Minerath
6325 Co. Rd. 87 SW
Alexandria, MN
56308

Re: Unauthorized activity at Lat: 48.320691, Long: -101.943986 (UA2025-07-14-01)

Dear Jacob Minerath,

We have been made aware that an unauthorized activity was conducted in proximity to a pipeline owned and operated by North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC ("Enbridge"). The specifics of the work include:

1. On July 14, 2025, an Enbridge employee was contacted by a representative of CSI who was conducting work in the area of an Enbridge pipeline at the location noted above. The contractor informed Enbridge that they had been stripping top soil over the Enbridge right-of-way when they contacted Enbridge cathodic cables and knocked over a milepost marker and two pipeline markers.
2. Upon further investigation it was determined that the contractor had placed multiple One Call tickets for this work and Enbridge had moved the cathodic cables outside of the work area in response to this ongoing work, which the contractor was made aware of.
3. A crossing application was also in progress between the contractor and Enbridge at the time of the incident, however this agreement was not finalized when the event occurred.
4. Enbridge later determined that a new crew had completed this work and caused the damage to Enbridge assets. This crew was not made aware of the historical information and conversations that had occurred between Enbridge and the previous crew.
5. The Enbridge employee provided education to the contractor on requirements to place a One Call and adhere to the requirements identified in the positive response from operators. It is imperative that all crews working on behalf of a contractor are educated on the site and operator specific requirements prior to beginning work, and made aware of the potential hazards of working near utilities.
6. It is important to note that line markers are required by federal regulations (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) CFR 195.410) and shall not be removed or tampered with.
7. Enbridge will continue to work with the contractor to ensure the damage is repaired and that work is overseen by an Enbridge representative.
8. This event will be reported by Enbridge to the State of North Dakota 811 and they may reach out for further clarification or details.

At Enbridge, we are committed to the safe operation of our pipelines and to the safety of those who live and work near them. We treat unauthorized activity seriously because of the dangerous situation that could result due to the activity. Enbridge transports large quantities of liquid hydrocarbons, under high-pressure, through its pipelines and the possibility of damage to the pipeline represents a real threat to public safety and to the environment.

The unauthorized activity was a direct violation of the North Dakota Century Code, Title 49 Public Utilities, Chapter 23 One-Call Excavation Notice System, which states:

49-23-05. Precautions to avoid damage.

To avoid damage to and minimize interference with underground facilities in and near the excavation area, a ticket holder shall:

- 1. Maintain a clearance between an underground facility and the cutting edge or point of any mechanized equipment, considering the known limit of control of the cutting edge or point to avoid damage to the facility.*
- 2. Provide support in a manner approved by the operator for underground facilities in and near the construction area, including backfill operations to protect the facilities. Backfill must be of a material equal to or better in both quality and quantity to the existing backfill.*
- 3. Assume ownership of materials used to mark the facility, use reasonable efforts to maintain markings during excavation, and remove all tangible marking materials used to mark the underground facility and site area upon completion of the excavation.*
- 4. Assume the cost of excavation to expose the facility unless otherwise indicated by owner of facility.*
- 5. Conduct the excavation in a careful and prudent manner.*
- 6. Properly manage spoil material to prevent shifting or falling material that could damage belowground facilities.*

49-23-06. Damage to facilities - Penalty.

- 2. a. If an excavator fails to comply with this chapter or damages an underground facility, the excavator is liable for all damages caused by the failure to comply with this chapter and for all damages to the facilities and must reimburse the operator for the cost of location, repair and restoration, loss of product, and interruption of service occurring because of the damage or injury to the facilities, together with reasonable costs and expenses of suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.*
- b. Reimbursement to the operator under this subsection is not required if the damage to the underground facility was caused by the sole negligence of the operator or the operator failed to comply with sections 49-23-03 and 49-23-04.*

Because your safety is important to us, we want to remind you of the following safe excavation and vehicle crossing practices:

- Always place a free call to 811 or an online request through www.clickbeforeyoudig.com at least 2-3 business days before you dig.
- Always seek permission of underground facility owners when excavating near the pipeline right-of-way.
- Always seek permission of underground facility owners before crossing rights-of way with vehicles.
- Wait the required amount of time for the underground utilities to be marked.
- Safely excavate around the marks.
- An Enbridge representative must be onsite for excavation or vehicle crossing activity on or near our pipeline right-of-way. Arrangements will be made after the One Call is placed.

If you strike an Enbridge pipeline, even if you do not believe you have caused damage, report it to Enbridge immediately by calling our emergency number at 1-800-858-5253 which is on any pipeline marker.

Should it be necessary to carry out any future construction, installation, excavation, or operation of vehicles across Enbridge's Pipelines, or within 100 feet of Enbridge's Pipelines, you, or anyone working on your behalf must notify Enbridge prior to commencement.

Information on how to excavate safely near Enbridge's pipelines can be found online at www.enbridge.com/publicawareness and at <https://farmsafe811.org/>. If you are interested in a visit from an Enbridge representative or need further information, please contact us at damage.prevention@enbridge.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Nelson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ryan Nelson
Damage Prevention Program Specialist
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