

Damage Prevention Committee

Summaries and Actions from the Meeting of December 11, 2018

DISCUSSION CASES

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Case Number	Stakeholders	Summary	Violation & Recommendation
DPI2018APR300001	Facility Owner: Aqua Pennsylvania Excavator: Utility Line Services Project Owner: PECO Energy	On 4/30/18 at Crafton Drive, Bensalem TWP, Both the facility owner (Aqua) and the excavator (Utility Line Services) are responsible for the damage done to the line. Aqua's locator mismarked the line by approximately 4 feet by their own admission, and Utility Line Services did not find the line when they excavated test holes to ensure that their pneuma-gopher piercing tool did not strike any underground lines. Even though the line was not located, ULS shot the pneumatic missile in the direction of the marks. ULS admits they did not call for a renotification or wait the required 3 hours for a re-mark when they weren't able to locate the line.	Aqua Pennsylvania - \$500.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense - \$500.00 Utility Line Services - \$1,000.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense - \$1,000.00 Section 5(20) 1st offense - Education PECO - Warning Letter Section 6.1(3) 1st offense - Warning Letter Section 6.1(7) 1st offense- Warning Letter Verizon Pennsylvania LLC - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (Late Response) - \$250.00
DPI2018MAY020004	Excavator: Leeward Construcion Inc Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc Project Owner: PA American Water	On 5/2/18 at 625 Moltke Avenue, Scranton City, Lackawanna County, UGI mismarked their line by 5-6 feet. Leeward hit the gas line that was 5-6 feet from the locate mark and they sent pictrues showing the mismarked line.	UGI Utilities - \$500.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense- \$500.00
DPI2018MAY030008	Facility Owner: Duquesne Light Excavator: Independent Enterprises Project Owner: Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority	On 5/3/2018 at S. Negley Ave., Pittsburgh City, Alleghenny County, Pittsburgh Water and sewer Authority (project owner) reported, Independent Enterprises INC. (excavator) was installing a catch basin using a backhoe damaged an electric conduit that were embedded in the floor and wall of the existing catch basin.	Independent Enterprises Inc Warning Letter Section 5(16) 1st offense - Warning Letter
DPI2018MAY070012	Facility Owner: PPL Excavator: James K. Allwien Inc. Project Owner: Keller Bros. Ford	On 5/7/18 at Keller Bros. Ford, 730 South Broad Street, Lititz PA, PPL reported that James K Allwein Inc. (excavator) was installing a sewage lift station in the building of Keller Bros. Ford, 730 South Broad Street, Lititz PA with an electric jackhammer which damaged the electric line. PA One CALL reported they have no record of any excavation notifications related to this incident. The excavator, James K. Allwein, Inc. has placed one call notifications with us in the past. James K Allwein Inc. did not submit an alleged violation report.	James K. Allwien Inc \$1,450.00 & Warning Letter Section 5(16) 1st offense - Warning Letter Section 5(17) 1st offense - \$250.00 Section 5(2.1) 1st offense - \$1,000(0.2)= \$1,200.00
DPI2018MAY080006	Facility Owner: UGI Excavator: TSE Inc. Project Owner: PA American Water	On 5/8/2018 at Precott Ave., Scranton City, Lackawanna County, TSE Inc. struck and damaged a UGI service line. UGI indicated the gas service was accurately marked. The project owner, PA American Water, indicated TSE struck the facility while hand digging trying to locate the service.	TSE Inc\$1,000.00 Section 5(4)- 1st Offense-\$1000.00 Section 5(16)- 1st Offense- Warning Letter
DPI2018JUN010002	Facility Owner: UGI Excavator: Smucker Fencing	On 6/1/2018 at Balmer Road, Lititz, Lancaster County, Smucker Fencing struck and damaged a 2" plastic gas main without placing a One Call notification. 60 people had to be evacuated from their homes, and 50 customers had lost service.	Smucker Fencing - \$2,050.00 Section 5(2.1) 1st Offense- \$1,000.00(0.8)= \$1,800.00 Section 5(16)- Warning Letter Section 5(17)- 1st Offense- \$250.00

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DPI2018JUN010003	Facility Owner: PA American Water Excavator: TSE Inc. Project Owner: PA American Water	On 6/1/2018 at 512 Butler, Dunmore PA, TSE was working for Pennsylvania American Water (PAWC) updating the water service at 512 Butler, Dunmore PA. Using a pneumonic missile, they hit an unexposed 4" PAWC water main. The damage was in the tolerance zone and a pipeline marker was a clear indication of underground facilities in the excavation area.	TSE Inc \$1,000.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense - \$1,000.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning
DPI2018JUN050003	Facility Owner: UGI Excavator: TSE Inc. Project Owner: PA American Water	On 6/5/18 at 500 Butler Street, Dunmore PA, TSE Inc. hit a UGI mismarked gas service line by 7.5ft, while excavating with a backhoe for Pennsylvania American Water at 500 Butler Street, Dunmore PA. Pennsylvania American Water released a bid for construction before final design was completed Section 6.1 (3).	
DPI2018JUN220001	Facility Owner: UGI Excavator: TSE Inc. Project Owner: PA American Water	On 6/22/18 at Cherry Street, Dunmore PA, at 11:30 am T.S.E. Inc. (excavator) was digging with a track hoe in the tolerance zone when they damaged a 2" UGI gas main at Cherry Street, Dunmore PA.	TSE - \$2,000.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense - \$1,000 Section 5(2.1) 1st offense - \$1,000 Verizon - \$1,250.00 Section 2.5(v) (no response) 1st offense- \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) (late) 1st offense- \$250.00
DPI2018JUL100013	Facility Owner: Sunoco Excavator: Otis Eastern Project Owner: Sunoco	7/10/2018 at Slitting Mill Road, Edgmont Township, Delaware County, Otis Eastern struck and damaged the coating of a Sunoco line. Sunoco indicated the line was inaccurately/incorrectly marked on their AVR. Sunoco had a worker out probing for the line in front of the excavator, Otis Eastern, to determine the depth of the line. Otis Eastern stated they were instructed by Sunoco personnel to continue digging when the depth of the line provided to them was inaccurate. Sunoco was also the Project Owner on this project.	Verizon - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v)late- 2nd Offense- \$500.00 Otis Eastern -\$1,000.00 Section 5(4)- 1st Offense-\$1,000.00

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DPI2018APR300006	Excavator : Ross Electrical Construction Company	4/30/2018 at 326 Hancock Avenue, East Norriton Township, Montgomery County. A One Call ticket was not placed prior to the excavation of installing electrical lines for an above ground pool.	Ross Electrical Construction Company - \$1,000.00 Section 5(2.1) 1st Offense- \$1,000.00
DPI2018MAY030006	Excavator: Landhope Investors Facility Owner: PECO Energy Project Owner: Landhope Investors	5/3/18 at 232 Polo Road, New Garden TWP, Chester County. Landhope failed to avoid the locate mark and did not use prudent techniques to avoid damaging the line. Landhope did not submit an AVR.	Landhope Investors - \$1,000.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Letter Concrete Cutting Systems Inc \$1,500.00
DPI2018MAY030007	Facility Owner: PECO Energy Excavator: Concrete Cutting Systems Project Owner: PECO Energy	5/3/18 on Chamounix Rd., near St. David's Ave., Radnor Township, Delaware County. Concrete Cutting Systems struck PECO's cast iron gas main while using mechanized equipment within the tolerance zone. PECO has admitted that the line was very shallow (6" deep). Concrete Cutting Systems failed to fill out an AVR for this incident so there is no evidence other than what has been presented.	Section 5(4) 1st offense - \$1000.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense - Warning Section 5(20) 1st offense - \$500.00 PECO Energy - \$500.00 Section 2.5(vi) 2nd offense - \$500.00 Aqua Pennsylvania Inc \$500.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 2nd offense - \$500.00 Zayo Bandwidth - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offense - \$250.00 Verizon Pennsylvania LLC - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 2nd offense - \$500.00
DPI2018MAY070007	Excavator: Brian Allen/Lance Allen-Homeowner Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc Project Owner: Lance Allen-Homeowner	5/7/18 at 1616 Round Top Road, Charleston TWP, Tioga County. Brian Allen was using a mini excavator within the tolerance zone when UGI's line was hit. Brian did not call 811 but Lance Allen made the call. Brain did not submit an AVR.	Homeowner - Warning Letters Section 5(2.1) 1st offense- Warning Letter Section 5(4) 1st offense- Warning Letter Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Letter Wellsboro Electric Co \$250.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (late)- \$250.00
DPI2018MAY080004	Facility Owner: Lancaster Water and Sewer Authority Excavator: Miller Pipeline Project Owner: UGI Utilities Inc.	5/8/2018 at 806 Chestnut St., Lancaster City, Lancaster County. Lancaster City Water and Sewer Authority failed to mark a sewer lateral. Miller pipeline was doing	UGI Utilities, Inc - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v) (Late) - 2nd offense-\$500.00 Lancaster City of - \$750.00 Section 2.5(i) - 1st offense - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v) (Late) 1st offense- \$250.00
DPI2018MAY090002	Excavator: Pine Berry Remodeling/Andrew Rothecker Project Owner: Ms. Cleaves-Homeowner Enforcement Agency: PennTWP/Northwestern Lancaster County Authority	Call ticket and no TWP permits. Mr. Rothecker stated he was unaware he had to call	Pine Berry Remodeling - \$1,000.00 Section 5(2.1) 1st offense- \$1,000.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Letter

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DPI2018MAY110002	Facility Owner: Penelec Excavator: Philipsburg Plumbing and Heating Project Owner: Gerald Mills (homeowner)	S/11/18 at 86 Honeysuckle Lane, West Decatur, Clearfield County. Philipsburg Plumbing and Heating submitted two One Call Tickets on 4/27 to excavate on the property at 86 Honeysuckle Lane. The start date was to be 5/4 and excavation was scheduled to last one day. Philipsburg began digging on 5/11 which is later than the date they expected to begin excavation, but still within the 10 business days that the law allows excavation to begin. According to Philipsburg Plumbing and Heating's AVR they believed they were 10 feet away from Penelec's line. Due to the line being mismarked they struck the line with a backhoe. Penelec sent a crew out to repair the line. Due to the downtime incurred by Philipsburg Plumbing and Heating as a result of the line-strike, the homeowner was billed \$627.20 more than the original \$300-400 they were expecting this project to cost. While Philipsburg Plumbing is within its rights to pass the down time on to the project owner, this incident has created a hardship on the homeowner/project owner.	Philipsburg Plumbing and Heating - \$250.00 Section 5(2.2) 1st offense - \$250.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense - Warning Letter Penelec - \$500.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense - \$500.00 Wallaceton Boggs Municipal - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (late)- \$250.00
DPI2018MAY140002	Facility Owner: UGI Penn Natural Gas Excavator: Pennsylvania American Water Project Owner: Pennsylvania American Water	5/14/18 at 1127 Gasparini Drive, Blakeley Borough, Lackawanna County. Pennsylvania American Water called in an emergency One Call ticket because there was a water leak they needed to repair. UGI had responded by 11:21 a.m. that they had marked out their lines, however, they neglected to mark one line running to a gas light as 1127 Gasparini Drive. UGI's admits in their AVR and through the photographs that they neglected to mark this line. The photos also show that Pennsylvania American Water was digging responsibly. One of UGI's photos show where Aqua had been hand-digging to locate the line that was properly marked.	UGI Penn Natural Gas - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense - \$1,000.00 Section 2.10 1st offense - Warning Letter Blakely Borough Electric - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (No response)- \$1,000.00 Pennsylvania American Water - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (No response)- \$1,000.00

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DPI2018MAY210004	Facility Owner: Blue Ridge Communications Excavator: Pioneer Construction Project Owner: Aqua Pennsylvania	5/21/18 at Karin Dr., Washington TWP., Wyoming County. Pioneer Construction was installing a new sewer main and laterals for Aqua Pennsylvania when they struck an unmarked cable and damaged the line with a backhoe. Blue Ridge Cable had notated in their response to the One Call ticket that they had no facilities in the area. Upon further investigation by the excavator, the line was found to be dead/no longer in use.	Aqua Pennsylvania - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v) 2nd offense (Late)- \$500.00 Section 6.1(7) 1st offense - \$250.00 Pencor Services/Blue Ridge - \$750.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (Late)- \$250.00 Frontier Communications - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v) 2nd offense (Late)- \$500.00 Mehoopany Wind Energy, LLC - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (No Response)- \$1,000.00 Washington Twp./Westgate W- \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (No Response)- \$1,000.00 BKV Operating LLC - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (Late)- \$250.00 Pennsylvania Electric Company - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (Late)- \$250.00
DPI2018MAY230007	Facility Owner: PECO Energy Excavator: Iredale Plumbing Project Owner: David Boyd (homeowner)	On 5/23/18 at 244 Doone Rd., Falls Twp., Bucks County. While working to replace a house drain, Iredale Plumbing hit a correctly marked 2" plastic gas main belonging to PECO.	Iredale Plumbing - \$1,500.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense - \$1,000.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense - \$250.00 Section 5(17) 1st offense - \$250.00
DPI2018MAY290009	Facility Owner: National Fuel Gas Excavator: Forbes Excavating Project Owner: Aqua Pennsylvania	On 5/29/18 at Treasure Lake Rd., near Rip Tide Rd., Sandy Twp., Clearfield County. On May 29, 2018, Forbes Excavating hit National Fuel Gas's correctly marked gas line. According the AVR filled out by National Fuel Gas, the excavator admitted to being careless around the marks. Forbes Excavating did not submit an AVR and thus neither confirms nor denies that their employee admitted to being careless. Aqua Pennsylvania's AVR states that Forbes Excavating was not digging prudently and did not look ahead to see that they were getting too close to National Fuel's line.	Forbes Excavating - \$1,500.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense - \$1,000.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense - \$250.00 Section 5(17) -1st offense - \$250.00 Aqua Pennsylvania - \$250.00 Section 6.1(7) 2nd offense - \$250.00 Highpointe Oil & Gas LLC - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (No response) - \$1,000.00
DPI2018JUN010006	Facility Owner: Aqua Excavator: Utility Line Services Project Owner: PECO	6/1/2018 at Essex Avenue, Narbeth Borough, Montogomery County. Utility Line Services struck and damage an unmarked 3/4" Aqua copper water service. Aqua sated the service was not marked.	Verizon - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v)late 2nd Offense- \$500.00 Aqua - \$1000.00 Section 2.5(i)- 2nd Offense- \$1,000.00 PECO - \$250.00 Section 6(1.7)- 2nd Offense- \$250.00

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DPI2018JUN010007	Facility Owner: PECO Excavator: Utility Line Services Project Owner: PECO		PECO - \$250.00 Section 2.5 (i.1) 1st offense \$250.00
DPI2018JUN040003	Facility Owner: PECO Excavator: Caddick Utilites LLC Project Owner: Aqua	in the road base, while installing a water main and fire hydrants for Agua	Upper Moreland Township- \$1000.00 Section 2.5(v)- 1st offense- \$1000.00 PECO Section 2.5(v)- 1st Offense- \$1000.00 Caddick Utilities- \$1000.00 Section 5(4)- 1st Offense- \$1000.00
DPI2018JUN060016	Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc. Excavator: Homeowner Project Owner: Homeowner	6/6/18 at 351 W. Main St., Dalton Borough, Lackawanna County. Homeowner was digging with a backhoe on his/her property at 351 W. Main Street, Dalton, PA when he/she struck UGI's gas line. The homeowner did not call 811 and did not have a One Call Ticket so UGI was not notified that they needed to mark their gas line. I think it's very likely that the homeowner was unaware of the One Call law, so I ask the DPC to send the homeowner a warning letter in lieu of financial penalties. As the homeowner owns or has access to a backhoe I also request that the letter has language warning him/her that the next violation will result in fines that will not be waived.	Homeowner - Warning Letters Section 5(2.1) - 1st offense - Warning Section 5(2.2) - 1st offense - Warning Section 5(16) - 1st offense - Warning Section 5(21) - 1st offense - Warning Section 6.1(7) - 1st offense - Warning
DPI2018JUN120002	Facility Owner: Birdsboro Borough Excavator: Doli Construction Project Owner: Reading Area Water Authority Designer: BCM Engineers	6/12/18 at Jackson St. near Main St., Bordsboro Borough, Berks County. Birdsboro Borough neglected to mark the sewer line, so Doli Construction was not aware nor able to use prudent excavating techniques in the area. Birdsboro Borough was also late in responding to the design ticket issued on 1/30/2018 by BCM Engineers, not responding to the design ticket until 3/13/2018. When this line was damaged, no one knew who owned the line because Birdsboro did not take ownership of their line at the time.	Reading Area Water Authority - \$250.00 Section 6.1(7) 1st offense - \$250.00 Birdsboro Borough - \$750.00 Section 2.4 1st offense - \$250.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense - \$500.00
DPI2018JUN120007	Facility Owner: UGI Excavator: TSE Project Owner: PA American Water	On 6/12/2018 at 315 Cherry Street, Dunmore PA, T.S.E Inc. damaged a gas service line while installing a water main for PAWC with a backhoe. The mark was off by 11 feet.	UGI - \$250.00 Section 2.5 (i.1) 1st offense \$250.00 TSE - \$250.00 Section 5 (16) 2nd Offense \$250.00

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DPI2018JUN130004	Facility Owner: PECO Energy Excavator: Aqua Pennsylvania Project Owner: Aqua Pennsylvania	mismarked by 3 feet. PECO's AVR states that the print the locator was using was incorrect because the landmarks that were used to locate the lines have changed from	PECO - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense - \$1,000.00 Clifton Heights Borough - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v) 1st offense (No response)- \$1,000.00
DPI2018JUN210003	Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc. Excavator: JF Kiely Construction Project Owner: UGI Utilities Inc.	6/21/18 on Arch St., near N. 4th St., Sunbury City, Northumberland County. JF Kiely Construction struck an unmarked stub line while doing excavation work for UGI. In their AVR, UGI states that their line was unmarked, and that JF Kiely had been practicing prudent excavation techniques around the lines that were marked out properly.	UGI Utilities Inc \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense - \$1,000.00
DPI2018JUL060002	Excavator: Lapp Fence & Supply	7/6/2018 at Putney road, East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County. An East Lampeter Township employee drove by and informed the Lapp Fence & Supply excavator a One Call ticket needed to be placed prior to installing the fence. After lunch, the fence was installed and a One Call ticket had not been placed prior to the installation of the fence.	Lapp Fence & Supply - \$1,000.00 Section 5(2.1)- 1st Offense- \$1,000.00
DPI2018JUL180001	Facility Owner: UGI Excavator: TSE Project Owner: PA American Water	7/18/2018 TSE damaged a mismarked gas service line in front of 198 Bradford Street, Wilkes Barre. PAWC reported a UGI gas inspector was on site. UGI reported the gas line was inaccurately located, marks were 24" away from the line.	UGI - \$1000.00 Section 2.5 (i) 2nd offense \$1000.00
DPI2018JUL310009	Facility Owner: Aqua Excavator: Miller Brothers Project Owner: PECO	7/31/2018 at Gilbert Drive, Bensalem Township, Bucks County. Miller Brothers reported they struck and damaged an unmarked Aqua facility running down the middle of the street. Aqua stated in their AVR the line was not marked by their locator.	Verizon - \$1500.00 Section 2.5(v)- 2nd Offense- \$1,500.00 Bensalem Township - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)- 1st Offense- \$1,000.00 PECO - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v) late- 2nd Offense- \$500.00 Aqua - \$1000.00 Section 2.5(i)- 2nd Offense- \$1,000.00