



Damage Prevention Committee

**Summaries and Actions
from the
Meeting of April 9, 2019**

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Case Number	Stakeholders	Summary	Violation & Recommendation
3456	Facility Owner: Buckeye Partners, L.P. Excavator: Adam Mackiewicz Project Owner: Homeowner	<p><u>On 5/4/18 at 213 Governor Drive, Allison Park, Allegheny County.</u> The facility was not damaged. The excavator was doing work without a One Call notification ticket and was trying to use marks that were made several months previously for a fencing project that was done by a different company. The excavator used an auger within 2-3 feet of Buckeye's high pressure petroleum products pipeline when he was discovered by Buckeye Partners. PA One Call stated that this excavator never placed a One Call ticket.</p>	Adam Mackiewicz - \$1,000.00 Section 5(2.1) 1st offense- \$1,000 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Education requirement.
2886	Facility Owner: Whitemarsh Township Excavator: Caddick Utilities LLC Project Owner: Aqua PA	<p><u>On 5/7/18 at W. North Lane, Plymouth TWP, Montgomery County.</u> Caddick Utilities hit and damaged an underground electric line for traffic signals at the intersection of W. North Lane and Butler Pike. Whitemarsh TWP's did not mark their facility.</p>	To be discussed again at a future DPC meeting.
2200	Facility Owner: PA American Water Excavator: Kriger Pipeline, Inc. Project Owner: UGI Utilities Inc.	<p><u>On 7/13/18 at Marion Street, Scranton City, Lackawanna County.</u> Kriger Pipeline was removing asphalt out of the tolerance zone with an excavator when they struck a 16-inch cast iron water main. PA American Water stated, a hydro-hammer was used to break through the asphalt. UGI stated that the line was 12-inches directly under the concrete. Pictures show the water main at a very shallow depth and the Locate marks are barely visible in one picture, but both PAWC and UGI agree that the line was marked correctly. Although mechanical equipment had to be used to break through the asphalt, the excavator took a risk by not ascertaining the depth of the line prior to excavation.</p>	Kriger Pipeline - Education Section 5(4) - Education requirement.
207	Facility Owner: Peoples Gas Excavator: D&M Contracting Castelli Development Project Owner: PA American Water	<p><u>On 9/4/18 at 4902 McAnulty Road, Whitehall Boro, Allegheny County.</u> D&M Contracting was excavating, when a 1-inch plastic gas service line was hit and damaged. Peoples Gas stated, D&M failed to protect and preserve the markings after excavation begun. Also, Peoples Gas felt this should have been a complex ticket due to the amount of one calls placed for the same area.</p>	D&M Contracting Castelli Development - \$250.00 Section 5(3.1) 1st offense- \$250 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Education requirement. PA American Water - \$1,250.00 Section 6.1(3) 3rd offense- \$1,000 Section 6.1(7) 1st offense- Warning Allegheny County of Public Works - \$2,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 1st offenses- \$1,000 each, 2 counts totaling \$2,000
3901	Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc. Excavator: JD Eckman Inc. Project Owner: PennDOT Engineering District 8-0	<p><u>On 9/27/18 at 1000 Herr Street, Harrisburg City, Dauphin County.</u> Doing work for PennDot Engineering, JD Eckman was replacing the bridge on Herr Street. According to the white paint markings on the roadway, JD Eckman was not excavating within the proposed excavation area. JD Eckman was hammering within the tolerance zone of the gas line, but failed to determine the precise location of the UGI line. Also, they failed to call in another Routine Ticket to One Call, when the scope of the work went outside of the previous proposed excavation area; which would have allowed all of the facility members to come to the site to mark their utilities in the other areas JD Eckman would be excavating.</p>	JD Eckman Inc. - \$1,200.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000 w/20% factor, totaling \$1,200

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474	Facility Owner: Columbia Gas of PA Excavator: Northeastern Utilities, LLC Project Owner: Comcast	<u>On 11/2/18 at Green Crescent Drive, South Strabane TWP, Washington County.</u> Northeastern was directional drilling to install a main line for Comcast, when a Columbia Gas service line was hit. Northeastern failed to expose all service lines prior to drilling. Section 5.4 of the HDD Good Practices Guidelines explains that excavators should verify locates prior to drilling. Pictures provided by Columbia Gas show the gas service lines were accurately marked with flags in both the homeowners' grass on both sides of the streets and a refreshed paint marking across the road.	Northeastern Utilities LLC - \$1,250.00 Section 5(11.2) 1st offense- \$250 Section 5(8) 1st offense- \$1,000.00 Education requirement.
870	Facility Owner: Columbia Gas of PA Excavator: D&M Contracting Castelli Development Project Owner: PA American Water	<u>On 11/7/18 at 119 3rd Street, Washington City, Washington County.</u> Working for PA American Water, D&M Contracting was excavating in the tolerance zone, when a Columbia Gas line was hit and damaged. D&M failed to call 911. The scope of the project exceeded the maximum area of a routine ticket.	D&M Contracting Castelli Development - \$1,250.00 Section 5(3.1) 1st offense \$250 Section 5(8) 1st offense \$1,000 PA American Water- \$1,000.00 Section 6.1(3) 3rd Offense- \$1,000.00 City of Washington- \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 1st offense- \$1,000 Education requirement.
667	Facility Owner: Penn Electric Company Excavator: Duda Cable Construction Project Owner: Comcast	<u>On 11/9/18 at 10048 Route 286 HWY E, Green TWP, Indiana County.</u> Duda Cable was installing cable line for Comcast, when an unmarked Penn Electric service line was hit. Duda Cable did not renotify One Call when they noticed an electric meter and Penn Electric responded "Clear No Facilities" to the excavation ticket.	Penn Electric Company - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense- \$1,000 Duda Cable Construction - \$500.00 Section 5(20) 1st offense- \$500.00 Education requirement. Green TWP Municipal Authority - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offense- \$250
638	Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc. Excavator: NEPA Asphalt and Sealcoating Project Owner: Unknown	<u>On 11/9/18 at 283 Church Street, Larksville Borough, Luzerne County.</u> UGI called One Call, placing a "New Emergency" ticket, when they found out NEPA Asphalt and Sealcoating was working without a "New Excavation" ticket.	NEPA Asphalt and Sealcoating - Education Section 5(2.1) 1st offense- Education requirement.
864	Facility Owner: Blue Ridge Communication Excavator: Border Drive Heating Project Owner: Penn Electric Company	<u>On 11/14/18 at Hillside Mobile Home Park, Richmond TWP, Tioga County.</u> Border Drive Heating was installing new underground electric service for Penn Electric Company, when a correctly marked, Blue Ridge Communication's line was hit. Also, Border Drive submitted a false emergency One Call ticket, 55 minutes after creating their original routine excavation ticket.	Border Drive Heating - \$500.00 Section 5(9) 1st offense- \$500.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Education Requirement Blue Ridge Communications - \$500.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense- \$500.00

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2651	<p>Facility Owner: West Penn Power Company Excavator: Sure Connect Communications Project Owner: Atlantic Broadband</p>	<p><u>On 5/1/18 at 126 Elm Drive, Jefferson TWP, Greene County.</u> Sure Connect Communications hit and damaged an unmarked West Penn Power's underground secondary line.</p>	<p>Sure Connect Communications - \$250.00 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning Section 5(17) 1st offense- \$250 Atlantic Broadband - Warning Section 6.1(7) 1st offense- Warning</p>
2877	<p>Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc. Excavator: Homeowner Project Owner: Homeowner</p>	<p><u>On 5/1/18 at 2052 Johnston Drive, Bethlehem City, Northampton County.</u> The Homeowner was excavating without a One Call ticket. UGI stated, that the Homeowner was using an auger to install a fence when the gas service line was hit and damaged.</p>	<p>Homeowner - Warning Section 5(2.1) 1st offense- Warning</p>
3012	<p>Facility Owner: Unknown Communication Excavator: CADDICK UTILITIES LLC Project Owner: AQUA PA</p>	<p><u>On 5/2/18 at W. North Lane, Plymouth TWP, Montgomery County.</u> Caddick Utilities hit an unmarked communications line. There is inconclusive evidence as to whether the lines were Comcast or Verizon, or whether the lines were abandoned.</p>	<p>No Violations</p>
2614	<p>Facility Owner: Cresswell Water Company Excavator: Peoples Gas Company LLC Project Owner: Peoples Gas Company LLC</p>	<p><u>On 6/1/18 at 1081 Starr Road, Crescent TWP, Allegheny County.</u> Peoples Gas stated that they hit a correctly marked water service belonging to Cresswell Water. Cresswell's final response to the One Call ticket was that a mark-out was scheduled, but they never followed up with "Field Marked".</p>	<p>Peoples Gas Company LLC - \$1,000.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000 Cresswell Water Company - Warning Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offense-\$250, but reduced to a Warning</p>
241	<p>Facility Owner: Fox Chapel Authority Excavator: Independent Enterprises, Inc. Project Owner: Fox Chapel Borough</p>	<p><u>On 8/14/18 at 122 South Pasadena Drive, Fox Chapel Borough, Allegheny County.</u> Independent Enterprises was installing a sanitary sewer. Fox Chapel Borough explained that Independent Enterprises changed their story from the trench caved in and damaged the line, to the line was mismarked. Independent Enterprises did not include a summary or attach any photographs.</p>	<p>Independent Enterprises, Inc. - \$1,500.00 Section 5(4) 2nd offense- \$1,500 Verizon PA - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) Subsequent offense- \$1,000.00 Peoples Gas - \$1,500.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 2nd offense- \$1,500 Allegheny County Dept. of Public Works - \$1,500.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 2nd offense- \$1,500</p>
809	<p>Facility Owner: BUCKS COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY Excavator: Miller Bros Project Owner: PECO ENERGY</p>	<p><u>On 8/20/18 at Skyview Avenue, Lower Southampton TWP, Bucks County.</u> Miller Bros were directional drill when an 8-inch mis-marked water main was hit and damaged and explained that the locate mark was off by 5-feet and that Bucks County acknowledge that the line was miss-marked.</p>	<p>Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority - \$500.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense- \$500</p>
148	<p>Facility Owner: PECO ENERGY Excavator: INTREN Project Owner: PECO ENERGY</p>	<p><u>On 9/11/18 at 401 Church Street, Avondale Borough, Chester County.</u> Intren hit and damaged a gas line, that was mis-marked by 22-inches. Locator company USIC, PECO and Intren that the locate mark was incorrect.</p>	<p>PECO Energy - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense- \$1,000 Verizon PA - \$2,500.00 *Section 2.5(v)(no response) Subsequent offense-\$2,500</p>
789	<p>Facility Owner: Philadelphia Gas Works Excavator: Jeff The Plumber Project Owner: Unknown</p>	<p><u>On 9/12/18 at 2915 S. Dewey Street, Philadelphia City.</u> Jeff The Plumber was using a backhoe inside of the tolerance zone when a PGW's service line was hit. Jeff The Plumber did not call 911.</p>	<p>Jeff The Plumber - \$2,000.00 Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000 Section 5(8) 1st offense- \$1,000 Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning</p>

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19	Facility Owner: Energy Transfer Excavator: Homeowner Project Owner: Homeowner	<u>On 9/13/18 at 156 Tollgate Road, Zelenople, Butler County.</u> During Energy Transfer routine patrol of pipeline, it was brought to their attention that a Homeowner was excavating without a One Call notification ticket. The Homeowner was trenching because the house was flooding. Energy Transfer counseled the Homeowner on PA One Call and located the lines marking them with flags.	Homeowner - Warning Section 5(2.1) 1st offense- Warning
3720	Facility Owner: Verizon PA Excavator: Caddick Utilities, LLC Project Owner: AQUA PA	<u>On 9/21/18 at 601 Marydell Drive, East Goshen TWP, Chester County.</u> Caddick Utilities hit a mis-marked Verizon fiber optic line; which was off by 6-feet, 7-inches. Verizon did not submit an AVR.	Verizon PA - \$1,7500.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense- \$1,000 Section 2.5(v)(late) 3rd offense- \$750 Sunoco Pipeline LP - \$500.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offenses- \$250 each, 2 counts totaling= \$500 East Goshen Township Municipal Authority - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offense- \$250
37	Facility Owner: Plum Borough Municipal Authority Excavator: Seargent Electric Company Project Owner: DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY	<u>On 9/28/18 at Vale Avenue, Plum Borough, Allegheny County.</u> Working for Duquesne Light, Seargent Electric Company was auguring to set poles, when an unmarked, Plum Borough storm water drain was hit and damaged.	Plum Borough Municipal Authority - \$250.00 Section 2.5(i.1) 1st offense- \$250 Sargent Electric Company - Warning Section 5(16) 1st offense- Warning BLX Inc. - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 1st offense- \$1,000 Borough of Plum - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 1st offense- \$1,000
601	Facility Owner: PECO Energy Excavator: PECO Energy Project Owner: PECO Energy	<u>On 11/1/18 at Southampton Road, Philadelphia City.</u> PECO was using an auger during the replacing of a pole, when a primary cable was hit and damaged. Pictures provided showed the locate mark in-line with the damage.	PECO Energy - \$7,875.00 *Section 2.5(vi) 3rd offense- \$750, w/50% factor \$375, totaling= \$1,125 *Section 5(4) 2nd offense- \$1,500, w/50% factor \$750, totaling= \$2,250 *Section 5(9) 1st offenses- 2 counts, \$1,500 each, both w/50% factor \$750, totaling= \$4,500
700	Facility Owner: Privately Owned Gas Facility Excavator: Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. Project Owner: Columbia Gas of PA	<u>On 11/2/18 at 229 Bluff, Canonsburg Borough, Washington County.</u> Michael Facchiano Contracting removed a section of sidewalk to be replaced, which had a locate mark. After the demolition of the side walk, they started setting forms for the new sidewalk. During the pounding of a metal concrete pin into the ground, to secure the concrete form, the pin went into a buried privately owned gas service line. Michael Facchiano admitted they failed to use prudent techniques in the tolerance zone.	Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. - \$1,250.00 Section 5(3) 1st offense- \$250 Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000
852	Facility Owner: COLUMBIA GAS OF PA-NORTH Excavator: MCMURDY TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING Project Owner: HARRISVILLE BOROUGH	<u>On 11/7/18 at 314 E. Mercer Street, Harrisville Borough, Butler County.</u> McMurdy Trucking and Excavating was installing a storm sewer, when a correctly marked service tap was hit and damaged. The line was not exposed nor dug out by hand. Also, this incident took place on November 7, 2018, which is one day prior to the lawful start date of November 8, 2018.	Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. - \$1,500.00 Section 1.1 1st offense- \$250 Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000 Section 5(16) 2nd offense- \$250

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593	Facility Owner: PPL Electric Utilities Excavator: HORSEMAN'S HOLLOW EQUESTRIAN CENTER / Private Property Project Owner: HORSEMAN'S HOLLOW	<u>On 11/10/18 at 8325 School House Lane, Lower Milford TWP, Lehigh County.</u> PPL explained that a Horseman's Hollow Equestrian employee was using a mini-excavator within the tolerance zone, when the line; in a Corflo conduit, was hit and damaged. PPL did located and marked the service line. The Horseman's employee explained that the line was 8-inches underground and was bumped with the mini-excavator bucket causing a power outage. PPL counseled the employee on using prudent techniques within the tolerance zone.	Horseman's Hollow Equestrian Center - Warning Section 5(4) 1st offense- \$1,000, but reduced to a Warning.
896	Facility Owner: None Excavator: Anchor & Waterproofing Services LLC Project Owner: Homeowner	<u>On 11/12/18 at 4431 Nelson Run Road, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.</u> On November 8, 2018 a One Call Routine Ticket was placed by Anchor & Waterproofing Services to begin work at a residence on November 14, 2018. The Homeowner reported that Anchor & Waterproofing started excavation work on November 12, 2018; two days before the legal dig date. Anchor & Waterproofing admitted to starting the job before the legal dig date.	Anchor & Waterproofing Services LLC - \$250.00 Section 1.1 1st offense- \$250
597	Facility Owner: PECO ENERGY Excavator: CADDICK UTILITIES LLC Project Owner: Aqua PA	<u>On 11/12/18 at 2614 Bellview, Bensalem TWP, Bucks County.</u> Caddick Utilities hit and damaged a mis-marked .5-inch inserted gas service and explained that PECO had multiple incorrect locate marks. PECO explained that Caddick hit and damaged a correctly marked .5-inch plastic gas service, and stated although the locate marks were faded, the gas service was correctly marked. Caddick provide pictures showing all the locate marks. The damage appears to be where the faded marks are, along with the renewed locate marks.	Caddick Utilities LLC - \$2,000.00 Section 5(4) 3rd offense- \$2,000
792	Facility Owner: Aqua PA Excavator: J. Porter Enterprise LLC Project Owner: UGI Utilities Inc.	<u>11/12/18 at 1025 Pine Street, Kulpmont Boro, Northumberland County.</u> J. Porter Enterprise exposed an unmarked 3/4-inch copper water service owned by Aqua PA. Aqua explained responding to the locate request and marked out the known mains and service laterals, and stated that J. Porter caught and kinked a 3/4-inch copper service lateral that was unknown at that location; it was repaired.	Aqua PA - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 3rd offense- \$750 Section 2.5(i.1) 1st offense- \$250
639	Facility Owner: Peoples Gas Excavator: Sippel Development Co., Inc. Project Owner: Ebensburg Municipal Authority Designer: Stiffler, McGraw and Associates	<u>On 11/13/18 at the Intersection of East Ogle and South Sugar Streets Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County.</u> Sippel Development was replacing sewer for Ebensburg Authority, when an unmarked 3-inch plastic, low pressure gas main line, owned by Peoples Gas was hit. Peoples Gas explained that the line was installed without tracer wire. The locator was having problems finding it and marked all the other lines with the intention of going back and try to locate the unmarked line but failed to do so or notify Sippel of the locate difficulty.	Peoples Gas - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(i) 2nd offense- \$1,000 Verizon PA - \$2,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 3rd offense- \$2,000 Penn Electric Co. - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offense- \$250
643	Facility Owner: Verizon PA Excavator: Caddick Utilities, LLC. Project Owner: AQUA PA	<u>On 11/13/18 at 1101 Station Avenue, Whitmarsh TWP, Montgomery County.</u> Excavating company Caddick Utilities and Project owner Aqua PA reported in their AVRs that the excavation crew pulled up an unmarked abandoned telephone line from their trench. Caddick Utilities provided pictures.	Southeastern PA Transport - \$250.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 1st offense- \$250 Verizon PA - \$750.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 3rd offense- \$750 Whitmarsh Township - \$1,000.00 Section 2.5(v)(no response) 1st offense- \$1,000 Aqua PA - \$1,500.00 Section 2.5(i) 3rd offense- \$1,500
743	Facility Owner: AQUA PA Excavator: INFRASOURCE INC Project Owner: PECO ENERGY	<u>On 11/13/18 at 711 Merion Avenue, Haverford TWP, Delaware County.</u> Infrasource hit and damaged a mismarked water distribution line, while installing a PECO gas main. The locate marke was off by 26-30 inches. Pictures were provided.	PECO Energy - \$250.00 Section 2.11 1st offense- \$250 Verizon PA - \$1,500.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 3rd offenses- \$750 each, 2 counts totaling= \$1,500

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761	Facility Owner: Reading City Excavator: Henkels & McCoy Project Owner: UGI Utilities Inc	<u>On 11/13/18 at Carroll Street, Reading City, Berks County.</u> Henkels & McCoy hit and damaged an accurately marked distribution storm drain, after exposing the line.	Henkels & McCoy - \$500.00 Section 5(6ii) 1st offense- \$500 Verizon PA - \$750.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 3rd offense- \$750
1234	Facility Owner: UGI Utilities Inc Excavator: Baseline Contracting, Inc Project Owner: City of Allentown	<u>On 11/13/18 at 429 N. 16th Street, Allentown City, Lehigh County.</u> Baseline Contracting was installing a new curbing, when an accurately marked UGI gas service line was hit. During the process of lifting existing curbing to be removed with an excavator, the line was damaged - no fault.	No Violations
671	Facility Owner: PPL Electric Excavator: Everhart & Hoover Power Line Construction Project Owner: PPL Electric	<u>On 11/13/18 at Amherst Park, Taylor Borough, Lackawanna County.</u> Everhart & Hoover was directional drilling, when a mismarked PPL Electric service line was hit and damaged.	PPL Electric - \$700.00 Section 2.5(i) 1st offense- \$500, w/40% factor \$200, totaling= \$700 Verizon PA - \$750.00 Section 2.5(v)(late) 3rd offense- \$750