



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION**

December 8, 2017

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Re: Violation of Oregon Utility Notification Center Rules
DOJ File No. 860140-GB0655-17/ Docket No. NC 379

**PLEASE READ ALL DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY –
DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON**

On November 29, 2017, a representative from your company participated in a telephone conference with the Enforcement Committee to discuss an alleged rule violation. At that conference, an agreement was reached regarding penalties for the violation.

Enclosed are two sets of documents that contain a Complaint and a Stipulation. The Complaint serves as a formal notice to you of the violation you were charged with and requires that you Answer the allegation. Because you already reached an agreement with the Enforcement Committee, you do not need to submit an Answer. Instead, you need only sign and return the enclosed Stipulation in order to answer the Complaint. If you had not reached an agreement with the Enforcement Committee, filing an Answer would be your opportunity to admit or deny the allegation and, if denied, to ask for a formal hearing.

The Stipulation sets forth the terms and conditions of the agreement you reached with the Enforcement Committee. To finalize the settlement, **you must sign the original Stipulation and mail it within 20 days of the date of this letter to:**

**Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Administrative Hearings Division
P.O. Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088**

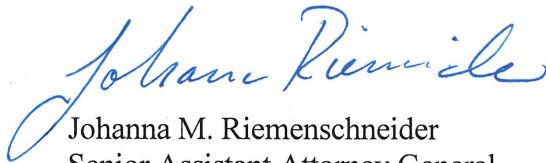
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The Commission should issue an order adopting the Stipulation within 30 days of its receipt. Please retain the extra copy of the Stipulation for your files.

If for some reason you no longer agree to the terms of the Stipulation, you **MUST FILE AN ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT**, admitting or denying the allegation within 20 days, or a default order may be issued.

If there is a discrepancy between the formal Stipulation and the agreement reached at the meeting that causes you concern, please contact Kevin Hennessy (503) 378-6115.

Sincerely,



Johanna M. Riemenschneider
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Business Activities Section

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Enclosures

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OUNC adopted OAR 952-001-0050, which was in effect at all times herein relevant. The rule provides in relevant part:

(1) * * * [A]t least 2 business days, but not more than 10 business days before beginning an excavation, the excavator must notify the Oregon Utility Notification Center of the date and location of the proposed excavation, and the type of work to be performed.

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On or about November 1, 2017, Defendant violated OAR 952-001-0050(1), in that Defendant failed to notify the Oregon Utility Notification Center of a proposed excavation before commencing at least one excavation in the Bend Metro area, Oregon.

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ORS 757.993 provides, in relevant part, that:

“* * * every person who violates or who procures, aids or abets in the violation of any rule of the Oregon Utility Notification Center shall incur a penalty of not more than \$1,000 for the first violation and not more than \$5,000 for each subsequent violation.”

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Defendant has not violated OUNC rules in the past.

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WHEREFORE, the Commission directs Defendant to file a verified answer to this Complaint within twenty (20) days from the date this Complaint is mailed to Defendant. If no verified answer or other written appearance raising a question of fact or law is filed with the Commission at its office in Salem, Oregon, within the 20-day period, the allegations of the

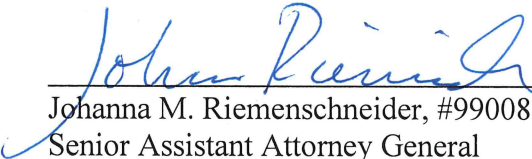
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1 Complaint is deemed admitted, and a penalty will be imposed by default order in the amount of
2 \$1,000 for each violation alleged, for a total of \$1,000.

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DATED this 8th day of December 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLEN F. ROSENBLUM
Attorney General



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Senior Assistant Attorney General
Of Attorneys for the Public Utility Commission
of Oregon

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2 The parties further agree that the Commission may enter an order assessing civil
3 monetary penalties against Defendant in the amount of \$1,000 under the following terms and
4 conditions:

- 5 A. Defendant must sign and return this Stipulation within 20 days of the date it was
6 served upon (mailed to) Defendant.
- 7 B. Payment of the penalty (\$1,000) is suspended and will be waived with no further
8 penalties imposed for the violation alleged in the Complaint unless Defendant fails to
9 comply with all of the terms of this Stipulation and all of the rules adopted by the
10 Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC) under ORS 757.552 for a one-year period
11 following the date of the Commission's entry of an order.
- 12 C. Defendant must contact the OUNC Speakers Bureau online at
13 www.digsafelyoregon.com or by calling **(503) 232-1987** to arrange for and ensure
14 that all of Defendant's employees that engage in excavation activity as part of their
15 job duties, including but not limited to notifying the Oregon Utility Notification
16 Center of proposed excavations, attend a training session on Oregon excavation laws
17 within 45 days following the entry of the Commission's order.
- 18 D. Unless Defendant has already done so, Defendant must also contact Bill Walker at
19 Cascade Natural Gas (CNG) by email William.Walker@cngc.com or by calling **(541)**
20 **706-6290** and arrange for and ensure that all of Defendant's employees that engage in
21 excavation activity as a part of their job duties attend an operator safety presentation
22 provided by CNG within 45 days following the entry of a final order.
- 23 E. Defendant must take a blank copy of the Training Verification form attached to this
24 Stipulation as Attachment 1 to document all required trainings scheduled under
25 paragraphs 4.C. and 4.D. above. Defendant must ensure that all of its employees
26 attending a required training sign a Training Verification form to verify attendance.

1 A representative of the organization providing the training (Instructor) must sign the
2 Training Verification form to verify each person listed on the form completed the
3 training. Defendant must return all completed Training Verification forms to
4 Complainant at the address on the Form within 10 days of the date of the last training
5 session and in no event later than 55 days following the date of the Commission's
6 entry of an order in this docket.

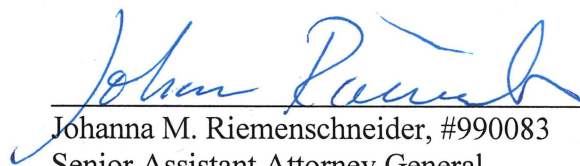
7 F. In the event that Complainant contends that Defendant has not complied with all of
8 the terms of this Stipulation and all OUNC rules for that one-year period,
9 Complainant may reopen this proceeding and petition for imposition of all or a
10 portion of the suspended penalties. In such case, Defendant is entitled to a notice and
11 hearing on the basis upon which Complainant contends that compliance has not
12 occurred.

13 G. Complainant's failure to enforce any provision of this Stipulation, or decision to
14 waive any violation or nonperformance of this Stipulation in one instance, will not
15 constitute a waiver by the Complainant of that provision, any other provision, or any
16 other violation or nonperformance in another instance.

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18 This Stipulation is conditioned upon final approval of its terms by the Commission. If
19 the Stipulation is not accepted in its entirety, it is deemed withdrawn.

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21 DATED this 8th day of December 2017.

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24 Johanna M. Riemenschneider, #990083
25 Senior Assistant Attorney General
26 Of Attorneys for the Public Utility Commission
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DATED this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Defendant / Representative (signature)

(Print Name)

