

ORDER NO. 18 006

ENTERED

JAN 04 2018

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

NC 379

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Complainant,

v.

FINE SIGNS LLC,

Defendant.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STIPULATION ADOPTED

On December 8, 2017, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a complaint against defendant. The complaint charged defendant with one violation of law, OAR 952-001-0050(1), and requested a penalty of \$1,000. On December 8, 2017, a copy of the complaint was served.

On December 21, 2017, the parties in these proceedings entered into a stipulation, which is attached as Appendix A.

Under the terms of the stipulation, defendant admits committing the alleged violation and agrees that the Commission may enter an order assessing civil monetary penalties. Defendant also agrees to complete, within 45 days following the entry of a final order, a training session with the Oregon Utility Notification Center Speakers Bureau on Oregon excavation laws and with Cascade Natural Gas on operator safety.

The parties further agree that the penalties should be suspended, unless defendant fails to comply with any provision of the stipulation or violates any rule adopted by the Oregon Utility Notification Center under ORS 757.552 for a period of one year following the date of the Commission's final order in these proceedings.

The stipulation is adopted. From the foregoing, it is concluded that no hearing is required. Under the terms of the stipulation, the allegations of the complaint are true, and

defendant has violated Oregon Administrative Rule as alleged. Under the provisions of ORS 757.993, penalties should be assessed against defendant under the terms and conditions of the stipulation.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The stipulation, attached as Appendix A, is adopted.
2. Civil monetary penalties shall be assessed against Fine Signs LLC, in the amount of \$1,000 for one violation of law.
3. Payment of the penalties (\$1,000) shall be suspended, unless:
 - (a) A showing is made that defendant has violated, within one year of the date of this order, any rules administered by the Oregon Utility Notification Center; or
 - (b) Defendant fails to timely complete a training session with the Oregon Utility Notification Center Speakers Bureau. Defendant will contact the OUNC Speakers Bureau to arrange for and ensure that all of Defendant's employees that engage in excavation activity as a part of their job duties, including but not limited to notifying the Oregon Utility Notification Center of proposed excavations, attend a training session on Oregon excavation laws within 45 days of the entry of this order; and
 - (c) Defendant fails to timely complete a training session with Cascade Natural Gas. Defendant will contact Cascade Natural Gas to arrange for and ensure that all of Defendant's employees that engage in excavation activity as a part of their job duties attend a training session on operator safety within 45 days of the entry of this order; and
 - (d) To submit completed Training Verification forms for all required trainings to the Commission within 10 days of the date of the last training and no later than 55 days following the entry of this order.

4. If defendant has not timely completed a training session on Oregon excavation laws and operator safety within 45 days of the entry of this order, the entire amount assessed in paragraph 2 shall be due immediately following the expiration of either time period.

Made, entered, and effective _____

JAN 04 2018



Jason Eisdorfer

Jason Eisdorfer
Director
Utility Program

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

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FINE SIGNS LLC,

Defendant.

STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon, appearing by and through Johanna M. Riemenschneider, Senior Assistant Attorney General, and Fine Signs LLC, the Defendant herein, hereby stipulate as follows:

1.

A Complaint in this case is pending before the Commission charging the Defendant with one violation of law, OAR 952-001-0050(1).

2.

Both parties to this proceeding are willing to forego further processing of that Complaint and further are willing to resolve this matter on the basis of this Stipulation.

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The Defendant admits that the violation was committed as alleged in the Complaint and is willing for the Commission to enter an order finding that the violation was committed as alleged in the Complaint.

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

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

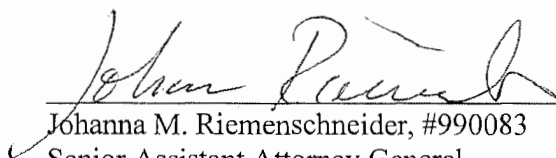
7 F. In the event that Complainant contends that Defendant has not complied with all of
8 the terms of this Stipulation and all OUNC rules for that one-year period,
9 Complainant may reopen this proceeding and petition for imposition of all or a
10 portion of the suspended penalties. In such case, Defendant 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.

17 5.

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.

20 DATED this 8th day of December 2017.

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23 Johanna M. Riemenschneider, #990083
24 Senior Assistant Attorney General
25 Of Attorneys for the Public Utility Commission
26 of Oregon

DATED this 21 day of November, 2017.

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Defendant / Representative (signature)

Paul Lane Five

(Print Name)



Oregon Public Utility Commission Training Verification

Docket NC 379

Instructions:

- Defendant:
- Schedule training(s) outlined in Stipulation
- Complete the Training Verification form on the day of the training
- All attendees must print and sign their name on the Training Verification form
- Have instructor date and sign the Training Verification form upon completion of training
- Defendant must mail completed Training Verification form to the address below (retain a copy for your records)
Instructor:
- Date and sign the Training Verification form upon completion of training

Type of Training: (To be filled out by the instructor)

- OUNC - Oregon Excavation Laws
Operator Safety Presentation
Other:

Instructor Print Name: _____

Instructor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Table with 2 columns: Name (Printed), Name (Signed). Multiple empty rows for data entry.

Mail Completed form to:

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Administrative Hearings Division
201 High St. SE, Ste. 100
PO Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088