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IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION ACT, N.J.S.A. 48:2-73 <u>ET SEQ.</u>

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

The Board of Public Utilities ("Board") has jurisdiction to oversee and enforce the provisions of the Underground Facility Protection Act ("the Act") pursuant to the provisions set forth in <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-73, <u>et seq</u>. The primary purpose of the Act is to establish the One-Call Damage Prevention System for the protection of underground facilities that are used for the conveyance

RELIABILITY & SECURITY

ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENTS

DOCKET NOs.GS15080929K et al. (see attached appendix) of water, forced sewage, telecommunications, cable television, electricity, oil, petroleum products, gas, optical signals, traffic control, or for the transportation of a hazardous liquid. In declaring its findings and the purpose of the Act, the Legislature stated, in pertinent part:

That damage to underground facilities caused by excavation and the discharge of explosives poses a significant risk to the public safety; that such damage to underground natural gas facilities poses a substantial risk to the public safety; and that the implementation of a comprehensive One-Call Damage Prevention System can substantially reduce the frequency of damage caused by these activities.

The Legislature therefore determines that it is in the public interest for the State to require all operators of underground facilities to participate in a One-Call Damage Prevention System and to require all excavators to notify the One-Call Damage Prevention System prior to excavation or demolition. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-74.

The Act defines "excavator" as "any person performing excavation or demolition," and "operator" as "a person owning or operating, or controlling the operation of, an underground facility..." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-75.

The Act subjects violators of its provisions to civil penalties of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,500 per violation per day, not to exceed \$25,000 for any related series of violations. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-88(a). Violations relating to natural gas or hazardous liquid underground pipelines or distribution facilities shall subject the violator to civil penalties not to exceed \$100,000 per violation per day and not to exceed \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations. In addition, a violator may be assessed the cost of any Board investigation, inspection or monitoring survey which leads to the establishment of a violation and for the reasonable costs of preparing and litigating the matter. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-86(b)(2).

Following reports of failure to call the System prior to commencing excavation or demolition activities, failure to hand dig and locate facilities, failure to use reasonable care, or reports of failure to mark out underground facilities or properly mark them, Board Staff contacted the entities listed on the attached Appendix and informed them of the date and location of the alleged violations, also listed on the Appendix.

In an attempt to resolve these matters, each excavator or operator listed on the Appendix has submitted an Offer of Settlement to the Board for its consideration. Each such Offer of Settlement is summarized in the Appendix. The Offers of Settlement were made available to the Board for its review. After consideration of the matters, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> these Offers of Settlement to be reasonable and in the public interest, and <u>HEREBY ACCEPTS</u> these Offers of Settlement in full satisfaction of the above referenced alleged violations of the Act.

By acceptance of the various Offers of Settlement and the timely payment thereof, the excavator or operator has waived any rights to a hearing, and the Board has waived any rights to bring an action for civil penalties as permitted by the Underground Facility Protection Act in connection with the above-referenced alleged violations of the Act. It must also be noted that the acceptance of the Offers of Settlement are for settlement purposes only, and apply strictly to the specific incidents described in the Appendix. This acceptance is without prejudice as to the position of the State of New Jersey or any agency or subdivision thereof if other violations are present, now or in the future.

This Order shall be effective on September 21, 2015.

NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE RESPONDENTS IS REQUIRED

DATED: 9-11-15

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY: RICHARD S. MROZ PRESIDENT

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Bureau of One Call - Settlements -	APPENDIX-September VIA 2015

Demaga	BPU Dkt	One Call	Bureau of One Ca			T	Violation	<u> </u>	Payment
	NO.	Case No.	Type of Violation	Penalty	Operator	Excavator		Description/Location	Received
Туре	NO.	Case NO.	Type of violation	renally	Operator		Dale	Description/Location	Received
	GS15080929K	GOC2014-0774	Did not properly mark out	\$3,000	NJ Natural Gas		9/11/2014	Narbeth Way, Toms River	5/21/2015
Gas Damage	GS15080928K	GOC2014-1069	Did not have a valid markout	\$3,000		J.F. Kiely	10/27/2014	Trinity Ave, Atlantic City	6/30/2015
			Did not have a valid						
Electric			markout, non-gas			A to Z Site			
Damage	ES15080927K	EOC2014-0014	damage	\$2,000		Contractors	4/29/2014	Rosebank St, Lakewood	6/3/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid						
Damage	GS15080926K	GOC2014-0972	markout	\$3,000		La Prima Builders	4/28/2015	Dayna Ct, Toms River	6/21/2015
Ga s			Did not have a valid						
Damage	GS15080925K	GOC2014-0448	markout	\$3,000		Pol Landscaping	7/18/2014	Chuckanutt Dr, Oakland	6/29/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid			Highlander			1
Damage	GS15080924K	GOC2014-0607	markout	\$3,000		Landscaping, LLC.	8/12/2014	Spring House, Manalapan	7/1/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid						
Damage	GS15080923K	GOC2014-0962	markout	\$3,000		Charger Electric	10/3/2014	Cedar St, Highlands	5/8/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid					King Georges Post Rd,	
Damage	GS15080922K	GOC2014-0313	markout	\$3,000		RAS313, LLC.	6/26/2014	Woodbridge	7/7/2015
Non			Did not have a valid				[
Damage	AS15080921K	NOC2014-0118	markout/ Emergency	\$1,000		Montana	12/5/2014	Putnam St, Lodi	6/9/2015
Non			Did not have a valid						
Damage	AS15080920K	NOC2014-0117	markout/ Emergency	\$1,000		Montana	12/5/2014	Massey St, Lodi	6/9/2015
Non			Did not have a valid						1
Damage	AS15080919K	NOC2014-0116	markout/ Emergency	\$1,000		Montana	12/5/2014	Liberty St, Lodi	6/9/2015
Non			Did not have a valid]	Į.				
Damage	AS15080918K	NOC2014-0115	markout/ Emergency	\$1,000		Montana	12/5/2014	Massey St, Lodi	6/9/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid			Concrete Systems,			
Damage	GS15080936K	GOC2014-0358	markout	\$3,000		Inc.	6/30/2014	Lackawana PI, Bloomfield	7/2/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid			Reclamation of			
Damage	GS15080937K	GOC2014-0389	markout	\$3,000		Kingston, LLC.	7/9/2014	Passaic Ave, Fairfield	6/11/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid					Burlington-Mt. Holy Rd,	
Damage	GS15080938K	GOC2014-1023	markout	\$3,000		A&E Construction	10/13/2014	Burlington	6/17/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid			Sun Valley Services,			
Damage	GS15080939K	GOC2014-0053	markout	\$3,000		Inc.	1/27/2014	River Dr, Parsipany	6/16/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid						
Damage	GS15080940K	GOC2014-0581	markout	\$3,000		Country Masons	8/13/2014	Wagon Wheel Rd, Sparta	6/12/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid]		
Damage	GS15080941K	GOC2014-0764		\$3,000		Taves Tree Service	9/9/2014	Fox Chase Ct, Freehold	6/11/2015
Gas	00450000404	0000044 4005	Did not have a valid	00.000			44/00/001		0/0/00/17
Damage	GS15080942K	GOC2014-1235	Did not have a valid	\$3,000	4	Kikun Development	11/20/2014	Country Club Dr, Chatham	6/9/2015
Non			markout, Failed to use					Rockaway Valley Rd,	
Damage	45150800324	NOC2014-0073		\$3,000		Bednar Landscape	10/1/2014	Boonton	6/9/2015
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Damage	140 10000000K	NOC2015-0065		\$3,000	EIF-NEC, LLC.		3/9/2015	Failure to file report to BPU	6/24/2015
Non	0045000000		Did not have a valid		J	Lauri and Original	10/15/001		6/04/004F
Damage	19212080330K	111002014-0135	markout, non-gas	\$1,000	4	Level and Square	10/15/2014	Osborn Ave, Bayhead	6/24/2015
Non	1	1	Did not have a valid			Toscana			
Damage	AS15080931K	NOC2015-0067	markout- non gas	\$1,000)	Contractors, LLC.	6/17/2015	Farmhaven Ave, Edison	7/28/2015

	BPU Dkt No.	One Call Case No.	Type of Violation	Penalty	Operator	Excavator	Violation Date	Description/Location	Payment Received
Non			Did not have a valid						
Damage	AS15080932K	NOC2015-0066	markout- non gas	\$1,000		Gregs Landscaping	6/16/2015	South Clinton Ave, Trenton	7/20/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid			Union Paving &		Central Ave & K Street,	
Damage	GS15080895K	GOC2015-0005	markout	\$3,000		Construction	1/9/2015	Seaside Park	7/21/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid						
Damage	GS15080896K	GOC2015-0001		\$3,000		J Fletcher Creamer	1/15/2015	Shire Rd, Holland	7/17/2015
Gas			Did not have a valid			Affordable Home			
Damage	GS15080934K	GOC2014-1080	markout	\$3,000		Services	10/28/2014	Roosevelt Ave, Lyndhurst	6/3/2015
Total	27			\$66,000					