

*South Dakota*



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

August 4, 2020

Mr. Marcus Christensen  
Montana Dakota Utilities  
PO Box 1060  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709

Mr. Mark Veley  
Elite Custom Homes  
429 Stumer Road  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

**Re: OC20-024 Montana Dakota Utilities vs. Elite Custom Homes**

Under the authority granted by SDCL-49-7A-22, the Enforcement Panel of the South Dakota One Call Notification Board met on July 2, 2020 to determine whether there is probable cause to believe a One Call violation occurred in Complaint Docket OC20-024. The Enforcement Panel's findings are enclosed. You may request a hearing according to SDCL-49-7A-27, if you disagree with the Enforcement Panel findings. If you do request a hearing you must be represented by legal counsel at the time you present your case to the One Call Board.

**Failure to respond to this notice or request a hearing is considered acceptance of the Enforcement Panel Recommendation. In that case, the Recommendation will be Ordered by the South Dakota One Call Notification Board and your right to hearing is waived.**

**If you choose to request a hearing you must return the signed and dated form prior to the close of business on August 24, 2020.**

South Dakota One Call Notification Board  
PO Box 187  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709

Be aware, any future violations of any One Call statute or rule may be subject to additional penalties up to \$10,000 for each subsequent violation that occurs within twelve months of the initial violation. If you have procedural questions relative to this complaint, please contact me at 605-863-0951 or by email at [deputydirector@sd811.com](mailto:deputydirector@sd811.com). Do Not Contact any members of the South Dakota One Call Notification Board to discuss this complaint since members may be involved in a hearing if one is requested.

*Cody M. Gregg*

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Deputy Director  
South Dakota One Call

**REQUEST FOR A HEARING  
COMPLAINT OC20-024**

**I REJECT THE PANEL RESOLUTION TO COMPLAINT OC20-024 AND  
REQUEST A HEARING.**

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**Signature – Montana Dakota Utilities**

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**Date**

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**Signature - Elite Custom Homes**

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**Date**

**YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE SENT TO ALL OTHER  
PARTIES INCLUDING:**

**SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD  
PO BOX 187  
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57709**

**Failure to request a hearing will result in acceptance of the Enforcement Panel's  
Recommendation by the South Dakota One Call Board. The Board will then  
Order the Recommendation as the final disposition of this Complaint.**

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA  
ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT  
FILED BY MONTANA DAKOTA  
UTILITIES, RAPID CITY, SD AGAINST  
ELITE CUSTOM HOMES, RAPID CITY,  
SD, FOR AN INCIDENT OCCURRING ON  
APRIL 23, 2020 AT 3620 REMINGTON  
RD, RAPID CITY, SD.

**ENFORCEMENT PANEL  
RECOMMENDATION TO THE SOUTH  
DAKOTA ONE CALL BOARD**

OC20-024

On April 27, 2020, the South Dakota One Call Board received a Complaint filed by Montana Dakota Utilities (herein "MDU"), against Elite Custom Homes, LLC, (herein "Respondent") for an incident occurring on April 23, 2020 at 3620 Remington Rd, Rapid City, SD. The Complaint alleges a violation of SDCL 49-7A-5 and 49-7A-8 when Respondent was pounding in concrete stakes and hit the gas service line, which was protected by an excess flow valve. MDU alleges that 811 and MDU were notified, and Respondent did not have a locate ticket.

A copy of the Complaint was sent to Respondent on May 6, 2020. The deadline to respond was May 27, 2020. Respondent has not answered the complaint as of July 2, 2020.

On July 2, 2020, the Enforcement Panel (herein "Panel") convened pursuant the authority present in SDCL 49-7A. The Panel does find probable cause to believe that an intentional violation of SDCL 49-7A-5 and 49-7A-8 occurred.

Based upon the evidence presented in the filings, the Panel recommends a penalty of \$1,000 with \$750 suspended upon the conditions listed below. The conditions for the suspended penalty are as follows:

1. Respondent must not be found guilty of a One Call violation within 12 months of the Board Order,
2. The penalty payment of **\$250** must be made to **P.O. Box 187, Rapid City, SD 57709**, within 30 days of the Board Order,
3. Respondent must attend a Damage Prevention meeting in 2021,
4. Respondent must conduct an in-house safety meeting to discuss South Dakota One Call laws. Detail of the discussion material, date, and length of the meeting along

with printed and signed names of attendees will be submitted to the Executive Director of South Dakota One Call within 30 days of the Board Order.

5. Respondent will arrange a face-to-face meeting with MDU to review the damage, dangers while working around utilities, and safe practices. This meeting is to take place within 30 days of the Board Order being issued.

If any of the above conditions are not met, the suspended penalty (\$750) becomes immediately due and payable to **P.O. Box 187, Rapid City, SD 57709**.

The Panel recommends the South Dakota One Call Board accept its findings and recommendations herein. If either party to this Complaint disagrees or objects to the recommendations or findings herein, a hearing may be requested. To request a hearing, a party must reply within twenty days from the date of service of this notice. Failure to request a hearing is considered acceptance of the recommendations and findings herein.

The South Dakota One Call Notification Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-7A and ARSD 20:25.