

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA
ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES, RAPID CITY, SD AGAINST DARWIN TOOF, RAPID CITY, SD, FOR AN INCIDENT OCCURRING ON OCTOBER 15, 2020 AT 815 E NEW YORK STREET, LOT 29, RAPID CITY, SD.</p>	<p>ENFORCEMENT PANEL RECOMMENDATION TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL BOARD</p> <p>OC20-082</p>
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On October 30, 2020, the South Dakota One Call Board received a Complaint filed by Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (herein “Claimant”), against Darwin Toof (herein “Respondent”), for an incident occurring on October 15, 2020, at 815 E New York Street, Lot 29, Rapid City, SD. The Complaint alleges violations of SDCL 49-7A-8 and 49-7A-12 when Respondent was responding to an emergency sewer leak and dug right through the gas line and locates. Gas was blowing; 811 was notified, and 911 was not notified.

A copy of the Complaint and Offer of Complaint Resolution was sent to Respondent on November 2, 2020. The deadline to respond to the Complaint or accept the Offer was November 23, 2020. Respondent had not answered the Complaint as of December 17, 2020. Respondent did not accept the Offer of Complaint Resolution.

On December 17, 2020, the Enforcement Panel (herein “Panel”) convened pursuant to the authority present in SDCL 49-7A. The Panel does find probable cause that an intentional violation of SDCL 49-7A-8 and an unintentional violation of SDCL 49-7A-12 occurred.

Based upon the evidence presented in the filings, the Panel recommends a penalty of \$1,000 with \$750 suspended for the violation of SDCL 49-7A-8 and a penalty of \$1,000 with \$750 suspended for the violation of SDCL 49-7A-12 for a total penalty of \$2,000 with \$1,500 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 **\$500** must be made to **South Dakota One Call Notification Board, P.O. Box 187, Rapid City, SD 57709.**
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 thirty (30) days of the Board Order being issued.
5. Respondent will arrange a face-to-face meeting with Claimant to review the damage, dangers while working around utilities, and safe practices. This meeting is to take place within thirty (30) days of the Board Order being issued.

If any of the above conditions are not met, the suspended penalty (**\$1,500**) becomes immediately due and payable to **South Dakota One Call Notification Board, 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 (20) 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.